

**From:** GrizzlyElec@cs.com [mailto:GrizzlyElec@cs.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 6:32 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** Salmon Season 2008

To Task Force

I SUPPORT THE 2-XA FOR A SALMON SEASON IN 2008.

Thanks Barry Temple

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**From:** Bernie Eleria [mailto:bernie@amrci.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 2:02 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** Proposal 2-XA

I read the various options and proposals presented ...

Proposal 2-XA seemed have better solution than the other proposed actions.

What I really like to ask is keep the closer and accessible areas OPEN for safety reasons.

Sincerely,

Bernie Eleria  
Alias HMBBUDDY

I fish the local waters of Half Moon Bay and San Francisco Bay to Dux Reefs.

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**From:** Brent Spencer [mailto:brent\_s@pacbell.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 9:05 AM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Cc:** Mike Chrisman; governor@governor.ca.gov  
**Subject:** Support of MLPA Proposal 2-XA

To whom it may concern:

I have been born and raised boating and recreational fishing in California waters. In fact, as a fisheries biologist I have even managed to link my professional career with my passion for all things fish related. But, what matters most to me are my children and their ability to continue to enjoy the public resources as I have. My 4-year old daughter loves nothing more than to go catch "big red gooey fish" (her term for Vermillion rockfish) on "Daddy's boat". And then there's always the fact that I finally have the boat of my dreams and you are limiting my ability to enjoy it! Somehow floating on a lake and catching mutated trout just does not do it for me.

Throughout my entire time here on earth the Department of Fish and Game has done nothing but close down fishing opportunities and sell out the public resources to the highest political bidder or water user. As a biologist I am acutely aware of the political

driving forces within the Department that override the opinions of the Department's own scientists. Please remember when you are considering the impacts of closing more waters that we already can not fish in federal waters or even for other species like petrale sole in waters currently closed to rockfish. It's not just some small 15 to 20 percent of the waters that makes you look and feel good!

Therefore, proposal **2 –XA** is the only proposal that will not severely limit my ability to take my daughter out and catch a “big red gooey fish”.

Brent Spencer

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**From:** Bud Mahorn [mailto:budmahorn@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 10:04 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** MLPA Proposals

I am a diver with 20+ years experience diving the coast. I support proposal 2XA because it allows for good recreational diving access yet had excellent conservation points.

Please give your highest attention to 2XA

Bud

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**From:** Don Luckenbach [mailto:donroyal@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 8:52 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** Support of Proposal 2-XA

Dear Members of the BRTF:

I realize that you have a huge task at hand and I appreciate your consideration to the comments you receive from the public. I have been fishing since my Father started taking me out when I was 6 years old (now 50). Of all the passions I have in life fishing is one of the most important to me. My Father has since passed away and I'm only sorry we weren't able to spend time together fishing in his latter years. I have shared this love with my four sons and my wife. I can't even imagine the idea of some of the proposals being accepted that you have before you restricting our fishing pleasures. I want to express my support for Proposal 2-XA. It appears to be the best balance considering all factors. I do believe we need to work together for a prosperous fishery in our future. Thanks you for your time and I look forward to hearing your right decision. (Proposal 2-XA)

Respectfully,  
Captain Don Luckenbach  
President  
Royal Laundry

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**From:** C Paterson [mailto:cpkayak@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 8:33 AM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** i support 2xa

I have been fishing in and around the bay area for 9 years. For me angling not merely a hobby, it is a lifestyle. You see, I fish from a kayak. Fishing from a kayak is an up close and personal method to experience the ocean. Encounters with whales, dolphins and sea lions are common when using such an eco-friendly method of conveyance. Furthermore if i do it correctly i get something to eat! However, a kayak does have limitations, namely a very short range of travel. Therefore it is of great concern to me that my access to the ocean be protected. I know some proposals are very restrictive around Bean Hollow, Salt Point and Linda Mar. These are my favorite access points. I understand that we all must compromise within the MLPA process, and i will most likely lose my priveledge to fish some of the San Mateo coastline around Linda Mar. It will be a tremendous personal sacrafice, so please preserve my access to the southern San Mateo coastline and Salt point. The only proposal that will do so is 2XA. Please recommend proposal 2XA to the BRTF.

Sincerely, Christopher Paterson

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**From:** Dan & Peggy Stemmler [mailto:dpstemm625@q.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 8:50 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments; fgc@fgc.ca.gov  
**Cc:** Stan Gollinger  
**Subject:** MLPA Implementation

To Whom it may concern,

I would like to lend my voice in support of PROPOSAL 2XA as a means of implementing the MLPA. Marine Life Protection Act. After studying the various proposals and options for implementation of MLPA, it is clear to me that PROPOSAL 2XA meets all of the guidelines of the MLPA, and is the least expensive to enact and enforce. PROPOSAL 2XA is endorsed by the Sea Ranch Association and all of the landowners involved. PROPOSAL 2X closes the least amount of coastline and is fair to all concerned.

Protecting our marine resources is very important and something we should all aspire to. However, in doing so, we should take into account the rights of all property owners. PROPOSAL 2XA does just that. I urge you to please adopt PROPOSAL 2XA as a means of implementing the MLPA.

Thank you,

Dan Stemmler

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**From:** nexform@sbcglobal.net [mailto:nexform@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 8:24 PM

**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** Proposal 2-XA

I am a life log fisherman in support of Proposal 2-XA. The other proposals are too restrictive and do not represent the balance between sustainable fishery and conservation of resources based on sound science. As a fishman, I am passionate about environment issues and conservation of our resources. I would like to see my two little sons enjoy and appreciate fishing and the overall unique environment that we have in California.

Please support Proposal 2-XA for a balanced approach to resource management and our future.

Darren Kim  
Oakland, CA

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**From:** Dave Witte, personal [mailto:wittefam@pacbell.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 7:24 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Cc:** Mike Chrisman  
**Subject:** Support for Proposal 2-XA

Dear members of the BRTF,

First let me thank you for the time and effort that you are putting into examining and comparing the various proposals for the MLPA process. Having loosely followed the process, I know that it is oftentimes confusing and tedious. As a California native I am very concerned about preservation of our ecosystems and maintaining fish stocks at viable levels.

As a young man of 11, I learned to love the ocean while camping with my parents at Lawson Landing. We would spend time on the pier crabbing and fishing, but we loved to watch the divers come in with big halibut that they had harvested. When I grew older, I too became a certified diver gaining my certification in Monterey Bay.

After reviewing the various proposals for the MLPA process, **I strongly support Proposal 2-XA** because it meets and exceeds the scientific and conservation goals of the MLPA while complying with the feasibility guidelines of the Department of Fish and Game. Proposal 2-XA is the only proposal to receive the broad support of sport divers, commercial and recreational fishermen. It also provides total ecosystem protection while still providing **safe** and reasonable access for recreational use. The other proposals will not accomplish these same goals and will essentially turn the California coastline into an *Aquarium* which will restrict its use from the citizens of California.

Please endorse Proposal 2-XA and keep California's greatest asset accessible to her residents!

Sincerely,

*Dave Witte*

PADI Certified diver

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**From:** David Schumacher [mailto:dreamcatcher\_two@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 8:19 AM

**To:** MLPAComments

**Subject:** Support for MLPA Proposal 2-XA

March 26, 2008

Good Morning,

I am writing to voice my support and comments regarding MLPA Proposal 2-XA. I have been a fisherman and outdoorsman for about 45 years. I have held a California Fishing and Hunting License since age 16. I have watched the MLPA process develop, and see that proposal 2-XA is of the most value not only to the fishing community, but most importantly to the conservation of the fishery itself. In the proper management of the fishery, I recognize that compromises must be made and see that this proposal also has support from a large amount of fishing organizations, commercial and sport fishing persons. I urge you to also recognize, in your analysis, that fishing and outdoor activity, is a family based activity that does help to keep our kids headed in the right direction. This type of activity is something that too many families are missing, proposal 2-XA will help keep this alive.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

David Schumacher

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Dave

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**From:** Dennis Boulland [mailto:advmechser@sbcglobal.net]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 2:10 PM

**To:** MLPAComments

**Subject:** Reasons for Proposal 2-XA

I am a San Francisco native, was born in 1949, my first fish was with Al Frush the game warden out of San Mateo, California, he taught me about conservation and how much fun fishing could be, both my sons fish with me on my boat berthed in San Francisco, I can't imagine not being able to fish with my grandson would be like.

If Proposal 13 or 4 are implemented this is sure to happen.

I am sending this to the BRTF in hopes that they will find that the Proposal 2-XA is the only proposal that meets and achieves the scientific and conservation goals of what I think the people of California voted for in setting up the Marine Life Protection Act of 1999, is enforceable and will have public support

Proposal 4 would close virtually all recreational bottom fishing at Duxbury Reef – the most important fishing area north of Point Conception and mean the virtual end of fishing out of San Francisco Bay, and it creates an MPA between Half Moon Bay and Ano Nuevo (in the Central Coast study area) which is not needed to meet SAT conservation guidance, with devastating impacts to Pillar Point harbor and users.

For these reasons below I support **Proposal 2-XA**

- meets Department of Fish and Game feasibility guidelines is the only proposal to have broad support from a wide range of fishing user groups
- Places an emphasis on total ecosystem protection with an emphasis on the “High” level of protection.
- Has the support of a vast array of commercial and recreational fishermen/women and divers.
- Its individual components have the support of many in the conservation community.
- has good solutions at Bodega Bay and Half Moon Bay whereas Proposal 4 would be devastating for the small boater and actually creates unsafe situations
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- Proposal 2-XA is the only proposal to create an underwater park at Sea Ranch specifically designed for non-consumptive divers while leaving open the traditional public access used by consumptive divers south of Stewarts Point, and when coupled with the private lands to the south becomes a keystone MPA in the overall network. Proposals 13 and 4 impact recreational and commercial users to the highest degree by extending their SMR out to the state waters boundary.
- Only Proposal 2-XA has struck a real balance in this part of the study area which is reflected in a massive support from local residents, land owners, fishermen, and conservationists

Dennis J Boulland  
Advenaced Mechanical Services Inc.

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**From:** Dennis Lepenske [mailto:dwlepenske@ucdavis.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 7:42 AM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** Proposal 2-XA

I am writing this email to implore you please vote for and implement Proposal 2-XA. I believe that proposal 2-XA is a hybrid that includes all interested party's concerns for the future health of our ecosystem here on the Pacific Ocean. I encourage you not to give into the demands of the interests that demand a hands off approach to the stewardship. I have used the resources of the Pacific Ocean for over 40 years. I am a true believer of demanding a healthy ecology for the Pacific Ocean, while at the same time utilizing its resources.

Please I implore you to pass and implement Proposal 2-Xa for the MLPA process.

Dennis W LePenske  
Lead Automotive Technician  
Fleet Services  
University of California

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**From:** DBailey222@aol.com [mailto:DBailey222@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 2:15 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** 2-XA

THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE

2-XA Achieves the scientific and conservation goals of the MLPA while meeting the Department of The Fish And Game feasibility guide lines. I have been fishing in California for 35 years and would like to continue.

Please support 2-XA.

Thank you  
Dick Bailey

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From: D&M Wilgis [mailto:wilgis@dishmail.net]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 8:55 PM  
To: MLPAComments  
Subject: Support of Proposal 2-XA

You have one shot to get it right, the fishing community is in alignment with proposal 2-XA. Proposal 2-XA meets and exceeds MLPA requirements. Proposal 2-XA is the only proposal that fully utilized the best science. Proposal 2-XA is the least likely to actively contribute to unnecessary deaths.

Sincerely  
Doug Wilgis

Proposal 2-XA is a well balanced and strong conservation proposal that does not have significant adverse socioeconomic impacts on commercial and/or recreational fishermen and divers but:

Proposal 2-XA achieves the scientific and conservation goals of the MLPA

Proposal 2-XA meets Department of Fish and Game feasibility guidelines

Proposal 2-XA is enforceable and will have broad public support

Proposal 2-XA is the only proposal to have broad support from a wide range of fishing user groups

Proposal 2-XA has a strong backbone of marine reserves with seven core areas where a State Marine Reserve serves as the foundation of the MPA cluster

Proposal 2-XA places an emphasis on total ecosystem protection with an emphasis on the "High" level of protection.

Proposal 2-XA places an emphasis on contributing to a network of MPAs in the "preferred" size range.

Proposal 2-XA has the support of a vast array of commercial and recreational fishermen/women and divers.

Proposal 2-XA and/or its individual components has the support of many in the conservation community.

Major differences between 2-XA and other proposals:

Proposal 4 would close virtually all recreational bottom fishing at Duxbury Reef - the most important fishing area north of Point Conception and mean the virtual end of fishing out of San Francisco Bay.

Proposal 4 creates an MPA between Half Moon Bay and Ano Nuevo (in the Central Coast study area) which is not needed to meet SAT conservation guidance, with devastating impacts to Pillar Point harbor and users.

Proposal 2-XA has good solutions at Bodega Bay and Half Moon Bay whereas Proposal 4 would be devastating for the small boater and actually creates unsafe situations

Proposals 4 and 13 both place an MPA at Saunders Reef (an area protected by natural winds and typically rough water) resulting in a disproportionate impact to an area that was severely underrepresented on the Regional Stakeholder Group.

Proposal 2-XA is the only proposal to create an underwater park at Sea Ranch specifically designed for non-consumptive divers while leaving open the traditional public access used by consumptive divers south of Stewarts Point, and when coupled with the private lands to the south becomes a keystone MPA in the overall network. Proposals 13 and 4 impact recreational and commercial users to the highest degree by extending their SMR out to the state waters boundary. Only Proposal 2-XA has struck a real balance in this part of the study area which is reflected in a massive support from local residents, land owners, fishermen, and conservationists.

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**From:** Kunz's Reel Gear [mailto:kzreelrods@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 7:08 AM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Cc:** governor@governor.ca.gov; Mike Chrisman  
**Subject:** Support for Proposal 2-XA

As a lifelong outdoorsman and conservationist, I would like to offer my strong support of Proposal 2-XA.

Proposal 2-XA is a well balanced proposal that provides for conservation of the ocean resources while having minimal adverse socioeconomic impacts on commercial and recreational fishing and diving and the economically fragile small business up and down the coast the depend on these activities in order to survive.

As a kayak angler and abalone diver, 2-XA also stands out because it retains a reasonable level of access to safe launch areas and coves offering protection from the predominant NW swell and wind patterns, I believe this proposal is in the best interest of the welfare of those who venture onto the ocean in these parts. With the death of several abalone divers each year (9 in 2007 alone), public safety demands that safe access be preserved, and this includes keeping Salt Point State Park open to consumptive use.

I was dismayed to hear from attendees of recent stakeholder meetings that personnel from the State Parks Department were advocating for the closure of Salt Point State Park to all consumptive use. I was further dismayed that those individuals had never actually been to Salt Point State Park. With the high numbers of abalone divers, spearfishermen, and conventional fishermen that frequent that park every year, I would be doubtful that the park could bring in enough revenue to survive if consumptive use was prohibited within the park. Furthermore, given the generally poor water visibility throughout the area, with the possible exception of Gerstle Cove (where a marine reserve already exists), the idea that the park would draw a high number of non-consumptive divers akin to Point Lobos is preposterous. It is not Point Lobos and will never be able to offer what Point Lobos offers simply because of its geography.

Facts about Proposal 2-XA include:

- it achieves the scientific and conservation goals of the MLPA
- it meets Department of Fish and Game feasibility guidelines
- it is enforceable and will have broad public support
- it includes a strong backbone of marine reserves
- it places an emphasis on total ecosystem protection with an emphasis on the "High" level of protection.
- it places an emphasis on contributing to a network of MPAs in the "preferred" size range.
- it has the support of many in the conservation community, anglers and non anglers alike.
- it best represents the interests of ALL of the stakeholders.

Now that I have a wife and a three year old boy and another one on the way, my trips to the coast have become family adventures. My boy loves watching me go out from the beach on my kayak, and come back with a fish or two or maybe an abalone. Soon enough he will be joining me on the water and learning from me. Some of my most cherished memories as a child involved fishing. A reasonable level of coastal access will help ensure that I can instill those same memories and conservation ethic in my children.

As we all know, when a tax is imposed, it is almost always permanent... regardless of what promises are made at the outset. Likewise when access to something is restricted, it is rarely ever given back. These fisheries are a major part of California's heritage and one that should not be taken lightly.

Erik Kunz

Santa Rosa, CA

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**From:** Frank Ledesma [mailto:ledesma6670@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 7:14 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** Support of 2-XA

To whom it may concern,

Hello My name is Frank Ledesma and fully support 2-XA. I am a long time scuba diver and 2-XA will conserve and preserve the ocean that I love.

Thank You  
Frank Ledesma

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**From:** Gert Kolbach [mailto:gert@systemusa.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 1:43 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Cc:** governor@governor.ca.gov; Mike Chrisman  
**Subject:** Support Proposal 2-XA

Members of the BRTF.

As a certified SCUBA diver and conservationist, I would like to ask you to support Proposal 2-XA. This proposal meets all of the goals outlined in the MPLA and has broad support among all user groups.

Best Regards,

**Gerrit H. Kolbach**  
**Greenhouse System USA Inc.**

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From: Gert Kolbach [mailto:[gkolbach@gmail.com](mailto:gkolbach@gmail.com)]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 1:29 PM  
To: MLPAComments  
Cc: governor@governor.ca.gov; Mike Chrisman  
Subject: Support for Proposal 2-XA

Dear Member of The Blue Ribbon Task Force:

Today, we are writing you in support of proposal 2-XA.  
This proposal is enforceable and will have broad public support.  
Proposal 2-XA is the only proposal that will leave the small boater some fishing opportunity.  
Taking this fishing access away is not only bad because this eliminates true conservationists (nobody appreciates fish more and is more vested in having a goop fish population than the fisherman), but it also goes

directly against the principles that this great nation was founded upon.

Hopefully you will make the right choice and support proposal 2-XA as well.

Sincerely,

Gert, Jody, Alie & Hailey Kolbach

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**From:** g.thomas01@juno.com [mailto:g.thomas01@juno.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 9:37 PM

**To:** MLPAComments

**Subject:** Proposal 2-XA

To whom it my concern.

As an avid scuba and free diver I have taken great interest in the ongoing talks to preserve or state waters. With the cuts in bag limits and season reduction that the fishing community has taken in the last 10 years. There have been drastic changes seen by me first hand while diving. Schools of fish are easily found, ling cod are like cows in a dairy pasture, laying around fat from feeding on the numerous juvenile fish. Abalone are easily found and taken. My girlfriend in fact was able to rock pick a limit on low tide. Something I have not witnessed in along time.

Having witnessed these changes myself, and engrossing myself in the MLPA proposals I find that 2-XA will provide for both the diving and fishing public to enjoy our coast. While at the same time meet the requirements of the MLPA.

Please stand with me in voting for the MLPA, and preserve not only our coast, but the recreational activities that so many families and friends share with one another.

Sincerly

Greg Thomas.

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**From:** James Hicks [mailto:havwit@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 12:31 PM

**To:** MLPAComments

**Subject:** Please support proposal 2-XA

As a recreation fisherman, I appreciate the work you have all done on creating the MLPA's to help create a sustainable fishery. I consider myself a conservationist and I am concerned about the welfare of our oceans and rivers. I urge you to please consider proposal 2-XA as this proposal is based on science, achieves conservation goals and has less impact on the commercial / recreational fisherman / fisherwomen. Fishing is an important part of my family's life as many wonderful days have been spent fishing with

my children. Please don't take this away from them. If other than 2-XA passes, it will effectively close ocean fishing to families with small boats. 2-XA is the perfect balance. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
James Hicks

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**From:** Jim Volberding [mailto:jamiv925@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 9:02 AM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** Support for Proposal 2-XA

To: The MLPA Blue Ribbon Task force

Please accept proposal 2-XA as the preferred choice.

I have a love and passion for fishing and the outdoors. I have been an avid fisherman since I was old enough to hold a fishing pole. That is 50 plus years.

Proposal 2-XA is the least restrictive of the 3 proposals forwarded from the NCCRSB. It meets the size and spacing criteria set forth and provides a high LEVEL of protection in the sub regions it covers. The proposal takes into account safe access points and also considers small boat safety in areas that are affected by wind and swells.

Proposal 2-XA also seriously looked at the socio economic picture for the area. It is important now since the state is already experiencing a huge deficit and adoption of any other choice will just make matters worse. There are numerous businesses now already experiencing losses from the impending salmon closure and early closure of rockfish and a poor dungeness crab season. The result is less income for the state as well.

Proposal 2-XA is supported by many fishing organizations because it was scientifically based and examined conservation aspects in the overall plan. Fishermen/women are conservationists and care for the ocean and respect the ecology. I believe in only taking what I will eat.

Please accept and forward Proposal 2-Xa to the fish and Game Commission. It is the best choice.

Respectfully,  
James Volberding

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**From:** Jason Cline [mailto:jbc223@pacbell.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 6:33 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Cc:** governor@governor.ca.gov; Mike Chrisman  
**Subject:** MLPA Proposal 2-XA

First of all let me say that I agree with the MLPA and its objectives. As a certified SCUBA diver since 1988 and a fisherman since I could walk, I have absolute respect for the ocean and an absolute interest in keeping it healthy. I've reviewed the different proposals for the MLPA

implementation, and Proposal 2-XA is the best of the bunch. It's the only one that utilizes the best available science and strikes a perfect balance between conservation and economic impact.

My family and I support Proposal 2-XA and we vote.

Jason Cline

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**From:** Jeff Richards [mailto:jeff\_richards@jwrichards.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 10:11 PM

**To:** MLPAComments

**Subject:** A diver in support of 2-XA

As a participant and observer of the MLPAI process I notice a recent influx of divers sending cut and paste text in support of MPA Proposal 4. Just to make it clear that these people do not speak for all of us I am sending this message in support of 2-XA.

As a certified diver who spends more time free diving for abalone than anything else I believe that Proposal 4 is wholly unacceptable in its attempt to shut down the Sonoma coast access to abalone. It is the only proposal to get more 'No' votes than 'Yes' votes in the final Regional Stakeholders Group meeting last week.

Proposal 2-XA exceeds all of the conservation, size and spacing guidelines of the MLPA and is based on the 'best readily available science' as mandated by the MLPA not the 'feelings' as stated in the Jan 8 SAT meeting by Dr. Carr.

So I thought a letter in my own words to explicitly say all of the many divers I know support 2-XA and only 2-XA.

Thank You for your time.

-Jeff Richards

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**From:** James Hicks [mailto:wellingtoninspection@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 8:58 PM

**To:** MLPAComments

**Subject:** In support of proposal 2-XA

Hello, I am a native San Franciscan, an environmentalist, recreational fisherman and certified SCUBA diver. I would like to register my support for proposal 2-XA in the MPLA process. Having read through all the proposals, 2-XA is a common sense approach to achieve conservation while allowing recreational use of the inland waters. The other proposals appear to be throwing the baby out with the bath water.

Jeff Rocca  
San Francisco, CA

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**From:** Mickelfish1@aol.com [mailto:Mickelfish1@aol.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 11:43 AM

**To:** MLPAComments

**Subject:** MLPA option 2AX

Please adopt option 2AX and help save the commercial fisherman who run small vessels and their families, as well as , save us recreational fisherman's ability to fish in the ocean in a safe a manner. Any other choice bankrupts families and kills fishermen and fisherwomen because you will be forcing them to risk life and limb in order to participate in their greatest passion. Thank you for your time.

Jim Mickelson

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**From:** Tom Estes [mailto:estes@mcn.org]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 9:18 PM

**To:** MLPAComments

**Subject:** Proposal 2XA

## *Coastal Fishboat Owners Alliance*

March 26, 2008

To: MLPA COMMENTS

SUBJECT: MLPA Proposal 2XA

To the members of the BRTF and the California Fish and Game Commission:

The Coastal Fishboat Owners Alliance, a group of commercial fishermen from Morro Bay to the south and Newport Oregon to the north, strongly supports proposal 2XA. For the commercial and recreational fisheries and all other user groups it is by far the least invasive for traditional uses. It also offers a degree of safety for the small sport boat and commercial fishermen around the ports of Pt. Arena, Bodega Bay, Bolinas Bay and Half Moon Bay by providing close access to the fishing grounds. Proposal 2XA also minimizes a negative economic impact on the communities mentioned above as well as Fort Bragg to the north; Gualala and the Tomales Bay area to the south; as well as San Francisco and nearby cities.

Proposal 2XA also meets or exceeds the guide lines of the Marine Life Protection Act Initiative.

Again, CFOA asks your support in adopting Proposal 2XA.

Jim Ponts, President

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**From:** John & Linda Adams [mailto:jladams85@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 8:56 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Cc:** Mike Chrisman  
**Subject:** Support for Proposal 2-XA

I would like to thank all of those involved in deciding the way forward as we comply with the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA).

I have been fishing the ocean waters from Monterey to Crescent City since 1963. I have degree in Biology from Humboldt State University and was a teacher in Bay Area for a number of years. I whole heartedly agree that we need to protect our marine habitat and maintain healthy populations of fish. I also feel that the people of California should be able to fish for recreation and food if they choose to do so. Well managed consumptive recreation is not in opposition to the intent of the MPLA. Unfortunately there are some groups that do not share this opinion and they are attempting force the men, women, and children who enjoy fishing off the water by supporting proposals (4 and 13) that will make it difficult for them to reach areas that are open to fishing.

I urge you to support Proposal 2-XA. I believe it is the most reasonable proposal in that it achieves the goals of the MPLA, meets DF&G guidelines, puts restrictions where they will help the most (and is supported by sound scientific models), has been peer reviewed by those who understand the marine ecosystem, and yet still allows reasonable fishing opportunities (a goal that is not mutually exclusive with the goals of the MPLA). Proposal 2-XA also provides the greatest benefits for society as a whole including those who enjoy seeing a healthy marine ecosystem, and the boating, fishing, seafood, restaurant, and tourism industries in California. Proposal 2-XA has the support of a broad cross section of Californians including both people who fish and those who do not.

Thank you for considering my input on this subject.

John Adams  
Coastside Fishing Club  
Cupertino, CA

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**From:** john airey [mailto:john@hookedwireless.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 12:50 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** We support Proposal 2-XA

Members,

I recently bought 4 lifetime fishing licenses.

One for each of my two young boys, one for me and one for my wife.

The reason is that Fishing is a great way to get in touch with the environment, even when it is consumptive. In fact sometimes that is the best motivation to learn and understand and appreciate the environment.

Our family focuses on human powered fishing, generally from Kayaks. We abide by all regs and respect and value the law.

We would like to see Proposal 2-XA supported as it seems the most reasonable proposal from the point of view of furthering environmental concerns while still leaving open ways for Californians to learn about their environment through fishing.

Please support this proposal.

John Airey, Ph.D, and family

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**From:** jmiklaucic@comcast.net [mailto:jmiklaucic@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 9:54 AM

**To:** MLPAComments; MLPAComments

**Subject:** 2-XA

Dear Members,

As a sport fisherman living in Santa Rosa and a boat owner I would like to express my support to plan 2-XA. I have watched as much of the streaming video of the MLPA meetings as possible and feel this plan will accomplish the goals of meeting the requirements of establishing MLPA's without permanently ruining California's ocean sportfishing.

I have invested a lot of money in my boat and equipment and have spent many hours with friends and family in pursuit of fresh caught fish to share (and good memories) and I would like to continue this passion in future years. I am not trying to overfish or ruin the fishery. I do not feel sportfishing is responsible for any decline in the fishery.

Please do not pursue an overzealous option. Please support plan 2-XA.

Thanks,  
John Miklaucic

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**From:** John O'Neill [mailto:john@jmoneill.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 11:20 AM

**To:** MLPAComments

**Subject:** MLPA

BRTF Members,

We urge you to support and select Proposal 2-XA as the preferred MLPA program. As a Bay Area recreational fishing family for over 35 years, we feel that 2-XA meets the guidelines and goals of the MLPA legislation and has the least economic impact on the

sport fishing community. Proposal 2-XA is the only proposal to have broad support from a wide range of fishing user groups, both commercial and recreational.

Over the years, my 2 daughters and their friends have been able to fish around the Farrallon Islands. It is a trip that we have made many times and each trip is exciting and different. It is so rewarding to show them how the ocean and sea life change as you approach the edge of the continental shelf. We have seen Orcas and Humpbacks. We have watched sea turtles and sharks. Proposal 2-XA is the only proposal that leaves some fishing areas around the Islands for all to enjoy. Please do not take that away from us and our future grandchildren.

John O'Neill

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**From:** John Berschens [mailto:scubaknight@live.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 2:22 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:**

As a diver and a outdoor enthusiast I wish to write you a note on my support of proposal 2-XA.

Thank you  
John W Berschens

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**From:** Jonathan Rauh [mailto:jonrauh@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 10:30 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** Support for proposal 2-XA in the MPLA process

As a certified SCUBA diver, a long time resident of Muir Beach, and a volunteer fireman, I'd like to express my support for proposal 2-XA in the MPLA process. This proposal has clearly demonstrated that it meets all of the goals outlined in the MPLA. I would like to enjoy what we have today. Take more away and its lowers my quality of life. Please enjoy the picture of a few buddies diving at Elephant rock near Tomales point.

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Jonathan Rauh  
Muir Beach, CA

<°)))))>< Have fun every day! <°)))))><

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**From:** Marin, Joseph, DA [mailto:[joseph.marin@acgov.org](mailto:joseph.marin@acgov.org)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 12:00 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** MLPA/North Central Coast Project

To Melissa Miller- Henson & the California Department of Fish and Game:

I have been a conservationist, outdoorsman and recreational fisherman for my entire adult life. The process of protecting our resources is important to my family and me. I think it is clear that the legislative intent of the MLPA as passed in 1999 was to promote the conservation of California's marine resources in a coherent manner while maintaining sustainable fisheries and recreational opportunities. Obviously a difficult assignment considering the tremendous human pressures applied to our waters by way of pollution, wildlife habitat reduction and poor resource management. However, I believe we can take steps to realize the goals of the MLPA without jeopardizing the recreational pursuits we all love and the economic benefits the state depends upon. To this end, I encourage adoption of MLPA Draft proposal 2-XA for the North Central Coast Project. This proposal appears to apply a balanced approach to the conservation of marine resources, meets DFG feasibility guidelines, has broad support from the recreational and commercial fishing industries and places a high emphasis on ecosystem protection.

Joseph Marin  
Alameda, CA

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**From:** kstone6779@comcast.net [mailto:kstone6779@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 12:27 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** MLPA

Ladies and Gentlemen,

First, I want to thank you for your service to this great State, and in particular to me, one who enjoys fishing, as you work out the details of implementing the Marine Life Protection Act. I agree with the goals that Californians had in mind when they passed this law in 1999. The most important to me are protecting the ecosystem and supporting weak fish stocks. I support MPA's where reasonable, and supported by science. I am a firm believer in conservation, maintaining healthy fish population levels, and not overfishing. I also believe that eating seafood, especially wild, sustainable seafood, is very beneficial for society as a whole, and that this should be a viable choice for all Californians. For this reason, I would like you to support Proposal 2-XA. I believe it to be the most reasonable, achieving the goals of the MLPA, meets DF&G guidelines, puts restrictions where they will help the most - and is supported by sound scientific models, has been peer reviewed by those who most understand the marine ecosystem, and yet still allows for reasonable fishing opportunities - a goal that is not mutually exclusive with the goals of the MLPA. Proposal 2-XA also has the greatest benefits for society as a whole, including those who enjoy seeing nature thrive, and the boating, fishing, seafood, restaurant and tourism industries in California. Furthermore, Proposal 2-XA has the support of a broad spectrum of Californians, including those who fish and those who do not. In fact, those who fish or

who otherwise utilize seafood would really like to see supportable and sustainable fisheries become letter and law, obviously not wanting to kill the "goose that laid the golden egg".

I would be willing to hear your reasoning for the proposal that you finally select, and help spread the word to those in my circle of influence, and lobby the F&G commission for it's acceptance, if it can be shown to be better than Proposa! 1 2-XA for the environment and for society.

Thank you!  
Ken Stone

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**From:** 3woos [mailto:3woo@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 6:04 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** MLPA

Hello.

I am a certified diver and have taught is at UCSC. I do not support proposal 4. It is too restrictive. Please vote for Proposal X-2A. It is a more intelligent and balanced proposal giving the most access to the most users of the resources. Proposal 4 is not balanced and poorly thought out.

Sincerely,

Lambert Woo

NAUII certified. 1974.

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**From:** 3woos [mailto:3woo@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 5:07 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** Proposal 2-XA

To whom it may concern...

I have been fishing in California waters for over 45 years. I have gone to the mlpa meetings in monterey and have been following the process as much as possible. The most logical option is Proposal 2-XA by far.

Please support that proposal as best you can. I will be keeping tabs on how you will be voting.

Thank you for your support.

Together we can make the right decisions based on scientific data and a willingness to do make compromises that will benefit the most users as well as protect the resources.

Lambert Woo

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**From:** Michael Mansuy [mailto:mmansuy@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 8:22 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Cc:** Mike Chrisman  
**Subject:** MLPA

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Blue Ribbon Task Force:

Thank you very much for taking a few moments to read and understand my interests in the implementation of the Marine Life Protection Act.

I am an avid SCUBA diver and have enjoyed viewing the mystery and awe of the California Coast, below the surface, for the last twenty five years. Every single dive is a unique experience and offers an opportunity for increased understanding of the underwater ecosystem.

In addition, since moving to California in 1983, I have enjoyed fishing in our ocean waters and have developed a tremendous amount of respect and concern for our sport fishes. It is vitally important to me that a proposal is accepted that will achieve a balance between sustainability and accessibility.

I have carefully reviewed all of the proposals and have come to the conclusion that Proposal 2-XA best achieves my interests, and the interests of most Californians. Proposal 2-XA, for me, rose to the top because it achieves the scientific and conservation goals of the MLPA, it meets Department of Fish and Game feasibility guidelines, it places an emphasis on total ecosystem protection, and it has the greatest benefits for society as a whole – including those who enjoy seeing nature thrive, and the boating, fishing, seafood, restaurant and tourism industries in California.

As you can see, Proposal 2-XA has significant benefits to all stakeholders, is supported by science, and meets the conservation goals of the MLPA. It is the proposal that will enable me (and many others like me) to pass down my respect, understanding, and commitment of our marine resources to my children.

Sincerely,  
M. Michael Mansuy  
Napa, CA

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From: Matt Cohen [mailto:mcohen@business-team.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 2:29 PM  
To: MLPAComments; governor@governor.ca.gov; Mike Chrisman  
Subject: Support for 2-XA. Coastal access and recreational fishing in our 'backyard' is a citizens right.

Dear Blue Ribbon Task Force, Mr Chrisman and Mr Schwartzenegger,

Please select Proposal 2-XA for Northern California MLPA act. Coastal access and recreational fishing in our 'backyard' is a citizens right.

Anyone who has fished or dove in the proposed closure areas, knows that recreation pressure on fish and abalone is extremely light. Even on sunny days with ideal ocean conditions, there at most a few dozen fisherman and divers in hundreds of thousands of acres of water. Those of us that brave the Pacific in Sonoma and elsewhere on the North Coast, are among the most prepared, diligent and responsible fisherman anywhere - taking only what we can eat.

Eliminating recreational fishing will not alter man's impact on the Pacific Ocean. Habitat destruction has been caused by a century of commercial fishing, ill advised damming of rivers, erosion from irresponsible logging, faulty sewage treatment plants and other toxic runoff from farms, factories and ranches - not the recreational fisherman.

Please consider our citizens fundamental and constitutional rights to access and utilize our natural resources. Punish big business, not individuals.

Sincereley,

Matt Cohen

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**From:** matt erb [mailto:pakmat@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 11:53 AM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** 2XA only please!

Ladies and Gentlemen,

First, I want to thank you for your service to this great State, and in particular to me, one who enjoys fishing, as you work out the details of implementing the Marine Life Protection Act. I agree with the goals that Californians had in mind when they passed this law in 1999. The most important to me are protecting the ecosystem and supporting weak fish stocks. I support MPA's where reasonable, and supported by science. I am a firm believer in conservation, maintaining healthy fish population levels, and not overfishing. I also believe that eating seafood, especially wild, sustainable seafood, is very beneficial for society as a whole, and that this should be a viable choice for all Californians. For this reason, I would like you to support Proposal 2-XA. I believe it to be the most reasonable, achieving the goals of the MLPA, meets DF&G guidelines, puts restrictions where they will help the most - and is supported by sound scientific models, has been peer reviewed by those who most understand the marine ecosystem, and yet still allows for reasonable fishing opportunities - a goal that is not mutually exclusive with the goals of the MLPA. Proposal 2-XA also has the greatest benefits for society as a whole, including those who enjoy seeing nature thrive, and the boating, fishing, seafood, restaurant and tourism industries in California. Furthermore, Proposal 2-XA has the support of a broad spectrum

of Californians, including those who fish and those who do not. In fact, those who fish or who otherwise utilize seafood would really like to see supportable and sustainable fisheries become letter and law, obviously not wanting to kill the "goose that laid the golden egg".

I would be willing to hear your reasoning for the proposal that you finally select, and help spread the word to those in my circle of influence, and lobby the F&G commission for it's acceptance, if it can be shown to be better than Proposal 2-XA for the environment and for society.

Thank you!  
Matt Erb

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**From:** Matthew Plut [mailto:sw44magnum@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 12:56 PM  
**To:** Arnold Schwarzenegger; Mike Chrisman; MLPAComments  
**Subject:** Please Support Proposal 2-XA for the NCC MPA

I am a recreational fisherman and a member of Coastside Fishing Club.

I am writing to urge the members of the BRTF and the Fish and Game Commission to support **Proposal 2-XA** because it not only satisfies, but exceeds the criteria defined for marine reserves by achieving a "High" level of protection while also satisfying the size and spacing requirements. It also meets the Department of Fish and Game feasibility guidelines.

In contrast to Proposals 1/3 and 4, which extend SMR's out to the state water boundaries and severely impact commercial and recreational users alike; **Proposal 2-XA** has struck a balance which places an emphasis on total ecosystem protection while achieving the desired "High" level of protection. **Proposal 2-XA** also affords the small boater safer access at Bodega Bay and Half Moon Bay. Proposal 4 would close virtually all recreational bottom fishing at Duxbury Reef – the most important fishing area north of Point Conception and mean the virtual end of fishing out of San Francisco Bay. Additionally, Proposal 4 creates an MPA between Half Moon Bay and Ano Nuevo (in the Central Coast study area) which is not needed to meet SAT conservation guidance, with devastating impacts to Pillar Point harbor and users.

**Proposal 2-XA** is also the only proposal to create an underwater park at Sea Ranch specifically designed for non-consumptive divers while leaving open the traditional public access used by consumptive divers south of Stewarts Point, and when coupled with the private lands to the south becomes a keystone MPA in the overall network.

**Proposal 2-XA** has a strong backbone of marine reserves with seven core areas where a State Marine Reserve serves as the foundation of the MPA cluster while placing an emphasis on contributing to a network of MPA's in the preferred size and spacing range.

**Proposal 2-XA** is a strong, well balanced conservation proposal without the significant adverse socioeconomic impacts of Proposals 1/3 and 4 on commercial and/or recreational fishermen and divers.

It is for all of these reasons that there is massive support from local residents, land owners fishermen and conservationists for **Proposal 2-XA** and I strongly urge you to support **Proposal 2-XA**.

Respectfully,

Matthew S. Plut

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From: Mel Simpson [<mailto:melsimp@earthlink.net>]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 6:29 PM  
To: MLPAComments  
Subject: I support proposal 2-XA

As a coastside resident, the health of the ocean and surrounding area is of vital importance.

While I do not fish regularly, many of my closest friends and relatives do. Everyone that I've spoken to, and has done some research, agree that proposal 2-XA is the best alternative. I urge the task force to adopt this policy for the good of all.

Respectfully,

Mel Simpson  
Pacifica resident.

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**From:** Mike Connelly [<mailto:connelly@du-all.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 10:22 AM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** Proposal 2-XA

To the members of the Blue Ribbon Task Force,

I am a small business owner and recreational fisherman, born in the SF Bay Area, with strong family ties in the Pacific Northwest. Over the years, I have been bombarded with requests to move my business and life up north. Until recently, these requests were easily defended, using my passion for, and refusal to leave, our beautiful California Coast. I am a fisherman, diver, hunter, outdoorsman, and conservationist. That is the way I was raised, and that is the way I will die.

I have worked hard over the past 14 years, to grow my Fremont based business, Du-All Safety. We currently support the ENVIRONMENTAL health and Safety efforts of over 200 clients, including 55 Cities/Municipalities. I mention this for a couple very important reasons. First off, I obviously care about the environment, as the nature of my business suggests, and secondly

I assist in supporting our local economy by providing jobs to twenty full time employees. I guess my point is that my small but important contribution could end, if Proposal 2-XA is not accepted and implemented. Without the ability to fish, dive, and hunt our coast from my small boat, the scales will no longer be weighted in favor of staying in this State.

Proposal 2-XA, which a group of great people sacrificed many hours to form, meets the requirements of all interests, satisfying the MLPA mission. Please restore my faith in the political process and do what is right.

If science even suggested that recreational fisherman were the problem, I would not fish. Please don't punish the people who care most about the Ocean

Thank you,

Michael Connelly  
Director of Operations  
Du-All Safety

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**From:** Michael j [mailto:michaeljryan@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 9:05 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Cc:** Mike Chrisman  
**Subject:** Marine Life Protection Act

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you for the effort you are spending on the Marine Life Protection Act project. Working out the details of implementing this 1999 California Law is no easy task. I have read the many proposals put forth to you over these last months. To me Proposal 2-XA is what the voters of California had in mind. I'll list some of the highlights that make this proposal stand out above the others. I also list some of the major differences between 2-XA and other proposals.

Proposal 2-XA achieves the scientific and conservation goals of the MLPA. It meets Department of Fish and Game feasibility guidelines. It is enforceable and is the only proposal to have broad support from a wide range of fishing user groups. I believe it will have broad public support also.

Proposal 2-XA has a strong backbone of marine reserves with seven core areas where a State Marine Reserve serves as the foundation of the MPA cluster. It places an emphasis on total ecosystem protection with an emphasis on the "High" level of protection. It also places an emphasis on contributing to a network of MPAs in the "preferred" size range.

Proposal 2-XA is the only proposal to create an underwater park at Sea Ranch specifically designed for non-consumptive divers while leaving open the traditional public access used by consumptive divers south of Stewarts Point, and when coupled with the private lands to the south becomes a keystone MPA in the overall network. Proposals 13 and 4 impact recreational and commercial users to the highest degree by extending their SMR out to the state waters boundary. Only Proposal 2-XA has struck a real balance in this part of the study area which is reflected in a massive

support from local residents, land owners, fishermen, and conservationists.

Proposal 4 would close virtually all recreational bottom fishing at Duxbury Reef – the most important fishing area north of Point Conception and mean the virtual end of fishing out of San Francisco Bay. It creates an MPA between Half Moon Bay and Ano Nuevo (in the Central Coast study area) which is not needed to meet SAT conservation guidance, with devastating impacts to Pillar Point harbor and users.

Proposals 4 and 13 both place an MPA at Saunders Reef (an area protected by natural winds and typically rough water) resulting in a disproportionate impact to an area that was severely underrepresented on the Regional Stakeholder Group.

I am a believer in conservation, maintaining healthy fish population levels are of the upmost importance to me. In closing I would ask that you take a hard look at Proposal 2-XA.

Thank you,

Michael J Ryan

San Jose, Ca

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**From:** Michael [mailto:mickfish@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 8:03 AM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** MLPA Proposal

**To:** The Members of the Blue Ribbon Task Force, and  
The California Fish and Game Commission

**Subject:** Adoption of Proposal 2XA for the North Central Coast Phase  
of the MLPA

Dear Members

As a shore bound and kayak Fisherman I am in support of proposal 2XA. One of the biggest concerns I have with the other options is the proposed closure of Salt Point, some of my first memories of the Ocean and Fishing are from my Grandfather's annual Camping Trips there. It was a family trip and what was great was the diversity of the park and everyone had something to do whether it was fishing, diving, hiking, photography, tide pooling or just hanging out. Many friendships and lessons came out of these trips, which I hope to enjoy with my grandchildren. Please don't limit this experience by closing the fishing when there is a viable option of the Sea Ranch that has little access and we have been made to feel unwelcome. With the better access at Salt Point it is a much safer area for fishing and diving and as a State Park it should be kept open to all activities.

I work for a local Foodservice supply company that supplies many of the Coastal Stores, Resorts and Restaurants in that area with their products. While I realize that these decisions are not economically based the closures will have a great impact. Many of these

operators have expressed to me how hard it is to survive with the recent limits and closures; they are worried that closures of Public areas might be the last straw for them. When you make these decisions please be mindful you are effecting people lives and careers.

That said I want to thank all the panel members involved in the process there was a lot of Knowledge, Dedication and Passion in those meetings. After attending I came to realize what a difficult process it was and appreciate all their efforts. The only disappointment I had was the State Parks sending a lobbyist instead of Field People who have experienced the areas that they are trying to protect. While I realize this might be the way to accomplish what needs to be done I expected a little more passion from a public representative.

Thank You  
Michael Moltchanoff

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**From:** MICHAEL PEARL [mailto:mcpearl2@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 7:35 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** Support MLPA proposal 2-XA

As a concerned citizen of California and lifelong fisherman I urge you to accept proposal 2-XA when deciding the MLPA proposals. This is the only fair proposal for all people concerned.

As fishermen we have the most at stake in the future of fishing and are the strongest advocates when it comes to conserving our natural resources. We would accept nothing less than to see that our children and future generations are allowed to partake in this precious pastime. I spend at least \$10,000 per year on fishing related activities in California and if I do not have the Rights as a citizen of this state to enjoy its oceanic resources this amount and much more will be spent in Canada, Alaska and Mexico. Once again I urge you to accept MLPA proposal 2-XA

Thank You,  
Michael Pearl M.D.

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**From:** mikes@fisherfriedman.com [mailto:mikes@fisherfriedman.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 9:36 AM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** Letter in support of proposal 2XA

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a concerned citizen and a fisherman. I fish from shore and from a kayak. I support proposal 2XA because it appears to be the best balanced of the proposals, in that it fulfils the requirements of the MLPA but also provides for fishing and recreational uses better than the other proposals do. I favor allowing sport fishing especially from shore or from human powered vessels because I

feel that the amount of fish taken by these methods is small enough to have very little effect on or influence over the fish populations in general. I am particularly concerned about the Pt. Reyes area. I generally fish on one day every weekend, and usually will be at one of the beaches in Pt. Reyes Nat'l Seashore at least every second or third weekend. I like bringing home a few fish for the table when I can catch any, but I love fishing even when I catch nothing. Just being out there doing it is what's important. I'm not sure I can explain it, but I remember that before I started fishing I didn't feel the same attachment to and understanding of the place, the beach, the water, the environment, that I do now. I'm connected to the land and water because of this hobby, and I believe that this connection is valuable and ought to be available to me and to everyone. I hope that makes some sense to you.

Anyway, that's my opinion and I hope you will select proposal 2XA.

Thanks.

**Michael Schaefer, AIA**

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**From:** Mike Elfers [mailto:elf279@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 4:22 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** Marine Life Protection Act Proposal 2-XA

Ladies and Gentlemen,

First, I want to thank you for your service to this great State, and in particular to me and my son, the ones who enjoy fishing, as you work out the details of implementing the Marine Life Protection Act. I agree with the goals that Californians had in mind when they passed this law in 1999. The most important to me are protecting the ecosystem and supporting weak fish stocks. I support MPA's where reasonable, and supported by science. I am a firm believer in conservation, maintaining healthy fish population levels. I also believe that eating wild sustainable seafood, is very beneficial for society as a whole, and that this should be a viable choice for all Californians. For this reason, I would like you to support Proposal 2-XA. I believe it to be the most reasonable, achieving the goals of the MLPA, meets DF&G guidelines, puts restrictions where they will help the most - and is supported by sound scientific models, has been peer reviewed by those who most understand the marine ecosystem, and yet still allows for reasonable fishing opportunities - a goal that is not mutually exclusive with the goals of the MLPA. Proposal 2-XA also has the greatest benefits for society as a whole, including those who enjoy seeing nature thrive, and the boating, fishing, seafood, restaurant and tourism industries in California. Furthermore, Proposal 2-XA has the support of a broad spectrum of Californians, including those who fish and those who do not. In fact, those who fish or who otherwise utilize seafood would really like to see supportable and sustainable fisheries become letter and law, obviously not wanting to see the last fish caught.

Thank you,

Mike Elfers

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**From:** Mike Giraudo [mailto:mike@intecsolutions.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 5:49 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** Proposal 2-XA

I am writing in support for 2-XA. This proposal was born out of a compromise from all user groups and balances the needs of all users as well as the conservation of the best habitat for future generations.

As a father of a six year old, I am very concerned that he may not have the opportunities to enjoy the resources unless we protect it. And only 2-XA does this through the best available science.

Mike Giraudo  
Pacifica, Ca

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**From:** Mike Velasquez [mailto:velasquez.mcids@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 7:03 AM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** 2XA

I'm writing today to give my full support to proposal 2XA. As a long time resident of these coastal waters and a life long Ocean Fisherman who has been involved in the MLPA process, I believe that 2XA fits the criteria outlined in the MLPA and shows to the Commission that we are truly conservation minded and the welfare of our oceans are paramount.

Thank-you,  
Mike Velasquez  
Member, Coastside Fishing Club.

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**From:** Jim Volberding [mailto:jamiv925@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 9:45 AM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** My Comments

Hello,

My name is Patrick Pratt, 13 years old and hooked on fishing

I like fishing in the ocean because it made me experience some of the best fishing I ever had. My grandfather taught me fishing when I was 11 years old, every since then I've been learning new techniques and the laws that concern fishing. I caught my fishing bug within the last 2 years. I enjoy the fresh air and catching fish.

My grandfather told me about the MLPA off the North Central coast. He explained the differences in the 3 proposals. I liked proposal 2-XA the best because it gives me more chance to fish in the ocean.

Thank You,  
Patrick Pratt  
sent from Grandpa's computer

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**From:** \_p\_ \_g\_ [mailto:here\_i\_am001@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 1:01 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** CA Scuba Divers Support Proposal 2-XA

As a certified SCUBA diver, and long time resident of San Francisco, and dedicated environmental conservationist, I'd like to express support for proposal 2-XA in the MPLA process. This proposal has clearly demonstrated that it meets all of the goals outlined in the MPLA.

I, along with many of my dive club members believe that proposal 2-XA give us, along with other interests access and opportunity to enjoy the states waters. No other proposal meets this criteria nor has the broad public support of 2-XA.

Thank You

Pierre Granier  
Greater Bay Area

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**From:** Richard Navarro [mailto:rnavarroelectric@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 9:34 AM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** 2-XA

Hello, my name is Renee Navarro. I support 2-XA because my husband Rich Navarro is a Recreational fisherman. We enjoy many BBQs throughout the year with friends and family. It would not be the same if my Kids and husband were taken off the water because of all the closures of bodies of water. I am all for keeping the fishing stocks up, but don't feel like the other proposals are giving fisherman a fair shake... Please help us keep up family traditions and support 2-XA.

Thank you,  
Renee Navarro

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**From:** Richard Longacre [mailto:rlongacre@rangeldrywall.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 7:00 AM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:**

To whom it may concern;

My name is Rick Longacre I live in Modesto California and commute to Half Moon Bay every weekend ( when in season) to fish for Salmon, Bottom fish and Crab. I used to live in Homer Alaska and fished commercially for 6 years. I fished for King Crab in the Kodiak area; I fished for Salmon in Bristol Bay and Herring in Prince William Sound. I'm not writing this letter because I'm some lonely house wife that saw this info on the internet or read it in a newspaper. I am writing this because I utilize the Pacific Ocean in a responsible way and consume what I catch. I believe proposal X-2A is a civil approach to the MLPA process. I personally don't believe there is anything wrong with the ocean in the first place, my boat was brand new in 2003 and I have over 893 hours since the day I bought it out in the ocean. In these over 800 hours I have witnessed schools of bait for miles so thick your sonar would not penetrate them, countless whales performing acrobatic acts, schools of bottom fish you could not get your lure through if you wanted. The point is all these people that are crying wolf that our oceans are being depleted and we won't survive are not only wrong but are misinformed. Gather up all these so called experts and take them out for a few days on the big blue briny. Not to rant, but with all that said, if we have to have some sort of government intervention on the oceans lively hood X-2A seems to have a myriad of points that should be able to satisfy all that are concerned. Thanks for listening.

**Rick Longacre**

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**From:** Elizabeth Ross [mailto:rfam@astound.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 9:36 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** MLPA 2-XA

As a native Californian and a recreational fisherman I respectfully ask you to support proposal 2-XA. It meets or exceeds all necessary criteria.  
Rick Ross

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**From:** Aqua Jet [mailto:aquajet@ewnet.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 11:34 AM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** 2-XA

Dear Sirs,

Please support proposal 2-XA on the table with the BRTF regarding MLPA allocations. I would strongly recommend that the science provided by Coastside Fishing Club, ASA and UASC is what your adoptions should be based on. As well as the enormous economic impact any of the other proposals would inflict on California. It appears from the our current situation that the State of California is in violation of the State Constitution in its excessive diversion of the Sacramento Delta water to the point of damaging the ecosystem and the Salmon stocks and others. I'm attaching a copy of the section of the Constitution that applies, as it seems you have forgotten it or ignored it.

#### CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

##### ARTICLE 10A Water Resources Development

SECTION 1. The people of the State hereby provide the following guarantees and protections in this article for water rights, water quality, and fish and wildlife resources.

#### CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE 10A Water Resources Development

SEC. 2. No statute amending or repealing, or adding to, the provisions of the statute enacted by Senate Bill No. 200 of the 1979-80 Regular Session of the Legislature which specify (1) the manner in which the State will protect fish and wildlife resources in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, Suisun Marsh, and San Francisco Bay system westerly of the delta; (2) the manner in which the State will protect existing water rights in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta; and (3) the manner in which the State will operate the State Water Resources Development System to comply with water quality standards and water quality control plans, shall become effective unless approved by the electors in the same manner as statutes amending initiative statutes are approved; except that the Legislature may, by statute passed in each house by roll call vote entered in the journal, two-thirds of the membership concurring, amend or repeal, or add to, these provisions if the statute does not in any manner reduce the protection of the delta or fish and wildlife.

## CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE 1 DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

Section 25. The people shall have the right to fish upon and from the public lands of the State and in the waters thereof, excepting upon lands set aside for fish hatcheries, and no land owned by the State shall ever be sold or transferred without reserving in the people the absolute right to fish thereupon; and no law shall ever be passed making it a crime for the people to enter upon the public lands within this State for the purpose of fishing in any water containing fish that have been planted therein by the State; provided, that the legislature may by statute, provide for the season when and the conditions under which the different species of fish may be taken.

Do the right thing and at a minimum enact proposal 2-XA and save our fishing rights.  
Best regards,

*Robert J Baer*

Robert Baer (President)

Aqua Jet, LLC

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From: Robert Filbrun [<mailto:filbrunrl@sbcglobal.net>]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 12:18 PM  
To: MLPAComments  
Subject: Support for Proposal 2-XA

To the Members of the Blue Ribbon Task Force

I am writing to show my strong support for Proposal 2-XA. I feel this is the only proposal that attempts to strike any kind of balance between sustainable fisheries, the impact to the economy of California, our God given right to fish and eat what has been created for mankind. I feel we have a right to use what is on this earth but in no way have the right to abuse anything. We as fishermen are being targeted by a new and radically extreme religion of environmentalism that wants all things protected from any kind of harm. Even science does not support Proposal 4 as being needed

to maintain sustainable fisheries. While targeting Lings I have experienced many times

having a bait hit as many as fifteen times by rock fish before it got to the bottom.

No one will ever make me believe sport fishermen are destroying our fish populations or are having a negative impact on our environment to a degree that warrants that we no longer fish. Proposal 4 would effectively stop fishing. That would be completely wrong as I see it.

If one considers just the economical impact that Proposal 4 would have on California it would be enough to tell one to steer clear of it. Whole industries will be affected such as tackle manufactures, bait companies, motels, grocery stores, clothing stores, boat companies, fishing license sales when F& G needs money in a bad way. These are just some of the areas that would be hit that are not creating sales tax revenue for our state.

Proposal 2-XA will satisfy the intent of the MLPA law and is as good a balance for this.

Please support Proposal 2-XA when you vote.

Thank you for your time and attention to my letter.

Respectfully,

Robert Filbrun  
Modesto, California

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**From:** cobbmazz@comcast.net [mailto:cobbmazz@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 8:38 AM

**To:** MLPAComments

**Cc:** Blue@mx1.ceres.ca.gov; Ribbon@mx1.ceres.ca.gov; Task@mx1.ceres.ca.gov;  
Force@mx1.ceres.ca.gov

**Subject:** Support for Proposal 2X-A

To whom it may concern, My name is Robert Mazzetti. I was born and raised in San Mateo County and have lived here for all of my 41 years. My family has lived in the San Francisco area for about the last 100 years. They have established many businesses in the city of San Francisco as well as on the peninsula, most recently Mazzetti's bakery in Pacifica which has been there for over 35 years. My wife and myself are Dentists with

established practices in South San Francisco and Palo Alto for the last 15 years. We also both hold undergraduate degrees in biology so we understand some of the science which these MLPA'S are supposed to be based on.

Let me state firstly that we support the MLPA process in as far as it will help the populations of rockfish stay healthy, but please do not take this support as a support for any closures of sportfishing. As you know due to the current state of sportfishing regulations the vast majority of our local rockfish populations are very healthy and they can be maintained that way through the current dfg regulations.

Next I would like to point out the HUGE economic impact that severe restrictions on sportfishing would incur, with NO ADDED BENEFIT TO THE FISH POPULATIONS. Please consider this last statement. As scientists you know what a species population biology incurs. Should your decisions benefit the fish but also benefit the user group which does the most for the benefit of the fish then it is a win win situation. I understand that this is a political process and that there are a lot of emotions involved. I also understand that there are a lot of groups which want complete closures out of what they see as "need." Please use the science and realize that sport fishing has a very minimal impact if any real impact (that is any over the normal mortality rate of a species population).

This being said I and my wife would like you to support Proposal 2X-A. This proposal seems to be the only one which considers any of the human elements involved. Let science and logic win the day. Remember we are environmentalists but man is part of the environment and his exclusion from these areas for no scientific reason is not right.

Thank you for your time and should you need to please feel free to contact me.

Robert Mazzetti D.D.S.

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**From:** Roger Lino [mailto:rlino@charter.net]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 12:01 PM

**To:** MLPAComments; governor@governor.ca.gov; Mike Chrisman

**Subject:** Proposal 2-XA

TO: The Blue Ribbon Task Force, Governor Schwarzenegger, Mike Chrisman,

First, I want to thank you for your service to this great State, and in particular to me, one who enjoys fishing, as you work out the details of implementing the Marine Life Protection Act. I agree with the goals that Californians had in mind when they passed this law in 1999. The most important to me are protecting the ecosystem and supporting weak fish stocks. I support MPA's where reasonable, and supported by science. I am a firm believer in conservation, maintaining healthy fish population levels, and not overfishing. I also believe that eating seafood, especially wild, sustainable seafood, is very beneficial for society as a whole, and that this should be a viable choice for all Californians. For this reason, I would like you to support Proposal 2-XA. I believe it to be the most reasonable, achieving the goals of the MLPA, meets DF&G guidelines, puts restrictions where they will help the most - and is supported by sound scientific models, has been peer reviewed by those who most understand the marine ecosystem, and yet still allows for reasonable fishing opportunities - a goal that is not mutually exclusive with the goals of the MLPA.

Proposal 2-XA also has the greatest benefits for society as a whole, including those who enjoy seeing nature thrive, and the boating, fishing, seafood, restaurant and tourism industries in California. Furthermore, Proposal 2-XA has the support of a broad spectrum of Californians, including those who fish and those who do not.

Proposal 2-XA is a well balanced and strong conservation proposal that does not have significant adverse socioeconomic impacts on commercial and/or recreational fishermen and divers but:

Proposal 2-XA achieves the scientific and conservation goals of the MLPA

Proposal 2-XA meets Department of Fish and Game feasibility guidelines

Proposal 2-XA is enforceable and will have broad public support

Proposal 2-XA is the only proposal to have broad support from a wide range of fishing user groups

Proposal 2-XA has a strong backbone of marine reserves with seven core areas where a State Marine Reserve serves as the foundation of the MPA cluster

Proposal 2-XA places an emphasis on total ecosystem protection with an emphasis on the "High" level of protection.

Proposal 2-XA places an emphasis on contributing to a network of MPAs in the "preferred" size range.

Proposal 2-XA has the support of a vast array of commercial and recreational fishermen/women and divers.

Proposal 2-XA and/or its individual components has the support of many in the conservation community.

Major differences between 2-XA and other proposals:

Proposal 4 would close virtually all recreational bottom fishing at Duxbury Reef – the most important fishing area north of Point Conception and mean the virtual end of fishing out of San Francisco Bay.

Proposal 4 creates an MPA between Half Moon Bay and Ano Nuevo (in the Central Coast study area) which is not needed to meet SAT conservation guidance, with devastating impacts to Pillar Point harbor and users.

Proposal 2-XA has good solutions at Bodega Bay and Half Moon Bay whereas Proposal 4 would be devastating for the small boater and actually creates unsafe situations

Proposals 4 and 13 both place an MPA at Saunders Reef (an area protected by natural winds and typically rough water) resulting in a disproportionate impact to an area that was severely underrepresented on the Regional Stakeholder Group.

Proposal 2-XA is the only proposal to create an underwater park at Sea Ranch specifically designed for non-consumptive divers while leaving open the traditional public access used by consumptive divers south of Stewarts Point, and when coupled with the private lands to the south becomes a keystone MPA in the overall network. Proposals 13 and 4 impact recreational and commercial users to the highest degree by extending their SMR out to the state waters boundary. Only Proposal 2-XA has struck a real balance in this part of the study area which is reflected in a massive support from local residents, land owners, fishermen, and conservationists.

Thank You!

Roger Lino

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**From:** Gary1950@aol.com [mailto:Gary1950@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 2:43 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** Support 2-XA

As a certified scuba diver my husband and I both support Option 2-XA. This option provides the most balance and meets the objectives of the MLPA.

Thank you

Rosa Phillips

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**From:** scott marran [mailto:purplehog@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 27, 2008 3:20 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** in support of MLPA proposal 2-XA

Dear Sir,

Proposal 2-XA is a well balanced and strong conservation proposal that does not have significant adverse socioeconomic impacts on commercial and/or recreational fishermen and divers but:

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Proposal 2-XA has the support of a vast array of commercial and recreational

fishermen/women and divers.

Proposal 2-XA and/or its individual components have the support of many in the conservation community.

Thank you,  
Scott K. Marran  
Yuba city Ca.

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**From:** Scott Tibbedeaux [mailto:[raven@the-ravens.net](mailto:raven@the-ravens.net)]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 9:47 PM

**To:** MLPAComments

**Subject:** proposal 2-xa

I have been fishing in California Ocean Water for over 35 years. I have seen the dramatic drop if our fisheries, and I support the MPLA proses. And I support Proposal 2-XA. Here are some of the reasons:

Proposal 2-XA is a well balanced and strong conservation proposal that does not have significant adverse socioeconomic impacts on commercial and/or recreational fishermen and divers but:

Proposal 2-XA achieves the scientific and conservation goals of the MLPA

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Proposal 2-XA places an emphasis on contributing to a network of MPAs in the "preferred" size range.

Proposal 2-XA and/or its individual components has the support of many in the conservation community.

One of the things I have noticed about the other proposals is that they are so over whelming that the place all un protected area in great danger, of being wiped out because they will be so heavily hit. Is it not the purpose of the MPA's to improve the overall health of the ocean fisheries not just those of the protected areas

Thanks For your time

Scott Tibbedeaux

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Re: MLPA Initiative

c/o California Resources Agency

To whom it may concern,

My name is Sean Walker. I am a kayak fisherman, diver, and ocean enthusiast and I am writing this letter to voice my support for the North Central MLPA proposal currently known as 2XA. I am a native Californian, fortunate enough to have been born and raised here on the wonderful coastline. Growing up I was taught that the ocean was an asset to my life, a reason for us living where we did, and a great source of nourishment both spiritual and physical. While fishing was enjoyed as a pastime, it was also taught as a skill that could in lean times provide protein to feed us as a family, while in times of prosperity it allowed us to stretch our budget. Throughout all of these times respect for the resource was constant, for it became apparent to me at a young age that greed and negligence would surely devastate the very sea that had become so ingrained in my family.

Today I work as an artist, and draw my inspiration from the same ocean . I fish now mostly from a kayak, simplistic and efficient, in keeping with the values I grew up with . I am writing of my background in this way to attempt to illustrate how intimately tied to the ocean my life is. I do not feel it would be amiss to compare my connection to the sea to that of the coastal natives of the Pacific Northwest and Alaska. For them, the sea provided with abundance enough to allow a unique expression of artwork to grow & flourish .

Sadly, in these days the ocean cannot support us on its own. We have seen our once abundant ocean resources stressed by a growing population, increased pollution, and simple greed or disregard. The need for protections now is real and apparent, as any food forager would recognize. I believe we can work together to protect our ocean while still allowing the very real and necessary practice of connecting to the natural world in search of food. Both of these practices have merit and are necessary to keep our ocean awareness from falling away into memory.

Please join me in support of proposal 2-XA, in the hope that we will see a returning vibrancy to not only the sea along the California coast, but also the sea within us as well.

Thank you.  
Sean Walker  
Santa Cruz, CA

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From: Steven D'Amico [<mailto:sdamico@pacbell.net>]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 11:33 PM  
To: MLPAComments  
Subject: I support Proposal 2XA

To the Blue Ribbon Task Force:

We are all about to go through some very difficult times with the economy failing, the housing market failing and now our salmon stocks failing. We need to find a balance that will protect our ecosystem while maintaining a healthy fish population and helping the many people what will be impacted by the MLP. In my opinion your best option is Proposal 2-XA. This proposal makes sense and can achieve the goals of the MLPA. It is my hope that you will see the merits of this proposal and how it can benefit the broadest spectrum of Californians. With the economy in the dumps we need to have the least amount of impact on the lives of those that will benefit from this proposal.

Thank you for considering Proposal 2-XA.

Sincerely,  
Steve D'Amico  
Pacifica, CA

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From: Steve Dillon [<mailto:Dilbyrocks@rcn.com>]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 12:46 AM  
To: MLPAComments  
Subject: MLPA Comments

Dear Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF)

Hello my name is Steve Dillon, Coastside Fishing Club member from San Mateo California.

Since 2003 my brother and I have owned a small 24ft recreational fishing vessel, which we berth in Pillar Point. We have fallen in love with the ocean just over the hill from home. Birds, mammals, fish and crustaceans, creatures both gigantic and tiny inhabit this place of wonder where there is still a sense of wilderness that cleanses ones soul. When the wind and swell finally lays down for a couple days in a row we like to take our friends and family on an outing to experience its immense beauty.

When the MLPA announced it was coming to the North Central Region I knew I would need to stay involved.

I have attended several days RSG meetings over many months and followed closely the developments as this process has moved forward. As a recreational angler I believe strongly in marine conservation but I would also like to see and live in a world where a father/mother could teach their children about the ocean and still safely fish near ports and access points.

We need to use reason and balance for the MLPA to be a success not only for the ecosystems we wish to protect but the human system as well.

I would like to point out a few reasons why I believe Proposal 2-XA is the strongest Proposal for the MLPA and deserves your support.

Environmental Protection, Proposal 2-XA exceeds the criteria laid out in the goals and objectives stated in the MLPA and meets Dept of Fish and Game feasibility guidelines. Careful consideration was given to it's design to ensure key habitat and structure areas would receive the protection needed both individually and together create a strong network of Marine Protected Areas.

The Economy, Proposal 2-XA is the only plan available that finds that all-important balance regarding the Economic impact MPA's will have on their surrounding communities. In these uncertain times I would like to think that the State of California would be interested in keeping people employed and not having more houses foreclosed on and their places of business rolled up.

The families who run these impacted businesses deserve your careful consideration in this matter. The other two proposals will be devastating to hundreds of businesses that help keep these local communities together, businesses that provide valuable services to the public.

Social Impact, Proposal 2-XA, While achieving high marks in protecting our ocean ecosystems Proposal 2-XA also takes into consideration human interaction with our ocean environment better than the other proposals. Careful attention was given to SMR and SMCA MPA size location and spacing as well as the allowed or disallowed activities therein. The

actual nuances in the wording can make a huge difference in real peoples lives while not harming the Marine ecosystems we are trying to protect.

Safety, Proposal 2-XA, MPA and Special Closure Areas were thoughtfully constructed to provide Safe Vessel movement and provide buffer zones to protect wildlife from flushing. Beach access points for public access were also considered. Small Vessel safety (both Skiff and Kayak) is a highly important factor that was incorporated into Proposal 2-XA. The Pillar Point/Fitzgerald proposed MPA area is a good example. The SMCA component closer to the harbor allows Salmon Trolling and Crabbing at shorter safer distances for small vessels while still protecting key habitat areas.

In closing these are just a few of the reasons I believe Proposal 2-XA is the best Proposal for North Central MLPA.

Sincerely  
Steve Dillon  
San Mateo CA

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**From:** Susie Vassey [mailto:svassey@sanandreasca.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 12:01 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Cc:** Sam Jr Vassey  
**Subject:** Marine Life Protection Act

I request that the MLPA panel adopt option 2AX. Thank You A Northern California Sport Fisherman. I fish the ocean in a small boat and well greatly be affected by these closures and will severely effect the economies of numerous small towns up and down the coast aside from ruining the recreational lives of tens of thousands of sport fishermen.

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**From:** Thomas Aurand [mailto:taurand@exelixis.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 10:38 AM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** MPLA

Please adopt option 2AX and help save the commercial fisherman who run small vessels and their families, as well as , save us recreational fisherman's ability to fish in the ocean in a safe a manner. Any other choice bankrupts families and kills fishermen and fisherwomen because you will be forcing them to risk life and limb in order to participate in their greatest passion. Thank you for your time.

Thomas Aurand  
Exelixis, Inc.

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**From:** Tim Steele [mailto:tims@fslc.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 10:43 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments; Mike Chrisman  
**Subject:** Marine Life Protection Act

To Whom It May Concern:

As a lifelong Bay Area resident born and raised in San Francisco, fishing since the age of 5 and scuba & free diving since the age of 16, I must take a minute to express my opinion on the current MLPA options that are being considered.

I consider myself a conservationist, employing catch and release for almost all Striped Bass and Trout that I catch, and only selectively fishing and diving every year to keep a few prized fish and Abalone for the dinner table. I look forward to a sensible resolution being put forth to help preserve, protect, and ensure the continued enjoyment of the Pacific Ocean for many generations, and as such the only proposal that I urge you to support is Proposal 2-XA.

It is the only proposal that gives a reasonable opportunity to all stakeholders. It is a strong, well balanced proposal that does not have significant adverse socioeconomic impacts on commercial and/or recreational fishermen and divers but achieves the scientific and conservation goals of the MLPA. It also meets Department of Fish and Game feasibility guidelines, is enforceable and will have broad public support, has a strong backbone of marine reserves with seven core areas where a State Marine Reserve serves as the foundation of the MPA cluster, places an emphasis on total ecosystem protection with an emphasis on the "High" level of protection, and has the support of many in the conservation community.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if needed, and thank you for your efforts!

Sincerely,

Tim S.

[Timothy Steele](#)  
[Real Estate Financing](#)

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**From:** T&C Sollecito [mailto:tony@sollecitophoto.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 1:49 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** Proposal 2XA

To All It May Concern,

Hi, my name is Tony Sollecito. I am writing this letter in support of proposal "2-XA". Proposal 2-XA is a well balanced and strong conservation proposal that does not have significant adverse socioeconomic impacts on commercial and/or recreational fishermen and divers.

I was born and raised in Monterey, California. All of my life has been about and near the ocean. My Grandfather taught me how to fish when I was a young boy, my Uncle Vince took me fishing on Monterey Bay many times, as a teen I worked on my Uncle

Angelo Sabella's boat, out of Sausalito, as crew where I learned how to fish for salmon and also learned to love this species and the ocean environment that produce them.

I have worked for 30 years to be able to afford my own boat and last year my dream came true when I was able to purchase, at great expense, my own boat. My dollars have helped to support the many businesses that service the boating and fishing industry as well as the peripheral businesses

Recreational fishing is not the cause of the of the short salmon runs on the Sacramento river it's more like poor water management of the Delta waters to grow rice in the desert.

The other proposals don't strike a balance between conservation and recreation.

Proposal 2XA does strike this balance.

Please adopt proposal 2XA and keep the keep the balance in check.

Thank You, Sincerely

Tony Sollecito  
Member Coastside Fishing

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**From:** Tucker Johnston [mailto:tucker.johnston@bayer.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 8:11 AM  
**To:** MLPAComments; governor@governor.ca.gov; Mike Chrisman  
**Subject:** MLPA Comment (Support Proposal 2X-A)

To whom it may concern...

I writing to state my support of proposal 2-XA. Personally, I have been a life long recreational fisherman, and intimately understand the need for conservation. My feelings for outdoor conservation were stoked by my early exposure our natural wonders via recreational fishing. I feel that change is inevitable, and have come to terms with the idea that I must relinquish some of my fishing opportunities in the name of conservation. However, I do feel that this conservation can be accomplished with honest compromise. In my opinion, proposal 2-XA is the only proposal that offers this compromise.

Both my wife's parents make their living by fishing. It's a hard living, where each paycheck comes with an additional tax called "Blood/Sweat/Tears"...Any of the proposals will hurt them economically, but I can honestly say that conservation of the fisheries is their primary philosophy...Proposal 2-XA is the only proposal where their livelihood, and there personal philosophies of conservation can be maintained.

In closing, I respectfully request that proposal 2-XA be adopted.

Thank you for your time...

Tuck Johnston  
Recreational Fisherman  
San Rafael, CA

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**From:** Dan Wolford [mailto:danwolford@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 9:11 AM

**To:** MLPAComments  
**Cc:** governor@governor.ca.gov; Mike Chrisman  
**Subject:** Support for MLPA Proposal 2-XA

I want to express my strong support for MLPA Proposal 2-XA. Not only does it embrace the conservation spirit and intent of the MLPA, it does so without excessive impact to those who utilize the marine resource for recreation and commerce. As a recreational fisherman, I strongly believe that the marine ecosystem is something to be cherished and protected – now and for future generations, and Proposal 2-XA does just that. And equally important to me, is the opportunity to access and enjoy this special public resource.

All of the proposals achieve the Act's conservation objectives, but Proposal 4, and 13, do so by excessively restricting the public's opportunity for recreational utilization of the resource. Only 2-XA finds the "sweet spot" that protects both the environment and the public's access to it. That cannot be said of Proposal 4, and I urge you to reject Proposal 4 as being excessively punitive. For instance, proposal 4 essentially closes off Duxbury to recreational and commercial groundfishing – and with that one simple move, devastates the CPFV sector of the recreational fishery in the San Francisco area. But Proposal 2-XA achieves the same overall level of protection without such draconian impacts. Similarly Proposal 4's MPA south of Half Moon Bay contributes essentially nothing to the overall conservation value of the MPA network, but has major impacts on the CPFV and private boater fishermen that utilize that port. And while the economy of a major city like San Francisco can absorb their CPFV loss, the little communities of El Granada, and Princeton will suffer significant economic impacts. Once again, south of Half Moon Bay, Proposal 2-XA's network achieves excellent conservation ratings without creating such adverse socio-economic impacts.

For these, and many other reasons it is easy to see why Proposal 2-XA has a broad spectrum of support from all sectors of the public and from within the RSG. It has a strong backbone of marine reserves which serve as the foundation of its MPA network; it focuses on total ecosystem protection emphasizing the "High" level of protection in the "preferred" size range, and it does so without adverse social and economic impacts. I urge you to adopt Proposal 2-XA as the preferred option.

Thanks,  
Dan Wolford

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From: Amanda Morozumi [<mailto:amorozumi52@hotmail.com>]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 9:35 AM  
To: MLPAComments  
Subject: RE:support of 2XA proposal

To Whom It May Concern:

I support the adoption of the 2XA proposal for the MPA of the Northern California coast. I would like to see continued protection of our precious marine resources while allowing for recreational water sports, such as sport diving and fishing.

Thank you for your consideration,

Amanda Morozumi

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**From:** Bob Dias [<mailto:rdias@rdias.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 8:46 PM

**To:** MLPAComments  
**Cc:** governor@governor.ca.gov; Mike Chrisman  
**Subject:** Support 2-xa Proposal

Hello,

My name is Bob Dias I live [in] Concord Ca. My father, before he passed on, taught me how to fish. When I think of him, I think of the days we fished together. Now I 'm 58 years old and finally have children, twins Gabriel & Mary. They are 5 years old now. They have a lifetime fishing license just like I do.

I have been following the MLPA process for some time now, and I must say that 2-XA is the only proposal that makes any since.

2-XA has so much support from commercial guys and recreational fisherman like me. Most of all the scientific data and the goals for conservation are met.

Proposal #4 would shut down Duxbury Reef, that would keep any of us from fishing outside the Golden Gate ever again. This is where I learned to fish with my dad and hope to fish with my children. Proposal #4 seems like its a proposal to just stop fishing.

I don't know how #4 made it this far in the process.

Please email me back and explain how #4 meets the scientific & conservation goals that 2-XA has.

Regards  
Bob Dias

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**From:** Bob O'Connor [mailto:boconnor44@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 8:14 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments; Mike Chrisman; governor@governor.ca.gov  
**Subject:** MLPA support proposal 2XA

I am a life long fisherman of the coast of California. My Father and his before him have fished the California coastline. I have three children who have lifetime memories of days spent on the water and the hope that someday they will be able to repeat those memories for their kids and grandkids.

I support proposal 2XA for the MLPA process. Actually, I don't support the MLPA process at all but if forced to, believe that this proposal gives the public, all of the public, the best chance of enjoying the resource for many generations.

Proposal 2XA supports the proposed scientific goals of the MLPA

Sincerely

Bob O'Connor

Concerned sportsman for sound wildlife management and against private funding for public policy

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**From:** Casey Weaver [mailto:CWeaver@energy.state.ca.us]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 3:58 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** Proposal 2-XA

Dear Sirs:

As a life long (54 years) sport fisherman, I implore you to consider adopting Proposal 2-XA. As management of our ocean resources is important to all of us, balance is also an important consideration. With new release techniques being developed by sport fishermen for sport fisherman, incidental catch can be released unharmed without impacting any sensitive species. Complete closure of large areas as would occur with Proposition 4, is not management but is a knee jerk, headline grabbing sound bite that would have considerable negative consequences.

Please consider and adopt proposal 2-XA

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Casey Weaver

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**From:** Trimbandit [mailto:trimbandit@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 9:02 AM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** MLPA proposals

Sirs,

As diver, swimmer, surfer and someone who has a vested interest in the health of our ocean, I strongly support proposal 2XA. It meets all the conservation criteria, but still provides safe and reasonable access for California residents.

Cheers,  
Craig Gansheimer

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**From:** DAWILLEMS@msn.com [mailto:DAWILLEMS@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 6:08 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** Saltwater Fishing

I grew up in Ukiah, Ca. I've fished the ocean for as long as I remember. My father used to buy shrimp in frozen boxes at Fort Bragg and we would fish the jettie or fish the rocks for perch or flounder. I grew up fishing Noyo to the Monterey Bay. PLEASE CONSIDER 2-XA to keep my heritage alive.

Thank you,  
D.Willems

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**From:** TWENTYnONE@aol.com [mailto:TWENTYnONE@aol.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 9:24 PM

**To:** MLPAComments

**Subject:** Proposal 2-XA

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email to implore you please vote for and implement Proposal 2-XA. I believe that proposal 2-XA is a hybrid that includes all interested party's concerns for the future health of our ecosystem here on the Pacific Ocean. I encourage you not to give into the demands of the interests that demand a hands off approach to the stewardship. I have used the resources of the Pacific Ocean for over 50 years, my father is 91 and still fishes has been doing so for over 75 years. I am a true believer of demanding a healthy ecology for the Pacific Ocean, while at the same time utilizing its resources so that my children and grandchildren can continue to use and enjoy them.

Please I implore you to pass and implement Proposal 2-XA for the MLPA process.

Daniel Castro  
Union City, CA.

Member:  
Coastside Fishing Club

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From: Addie Traynham [mailto:[addie\\_traynham@yahoo.com](mailto:addie_traynham@yahoo.com)]

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 10:56 PM

To: MLPAComments; fgc@fgc.ca.gov

Subject: In Support of PROPOSAL 2XA

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter on the behalf of my 3 year old daughter and 7 month old son. My in-laws have been visiting the shores of the Stewart's Point area, as well as beaches of the Sea Ranch for over 50 years, (and are also property owners in the Sea Ranch). It is their Mecca, their home away from home. As I have entered this family, it too has become a second home to me and my family. I can watch my children play on the beach, fish with their great grandma, grandparents, aunties and uncles, and dad. It is a true pastime watching my family "hunt" for abalone or fish from the rocks. It is with great sadness to learn that this favorite pastime of our family may come to a screeching halt. I would not want that for my children.

Therefore, I am writing this letter to support Proposal 2XA of the MLPA process. It is with my understanding that it takes the least amount of the coastline in this area. This proposal remains responsive to the marine wildlife and the surrounding environment. It is an extremely well thought out and structured plan, devised by local residents who know and understand these waters in which you wish take from them.

Please consider Proposal 2XA, as it will ensure the memories of my children for years to come...and hopefully, one day, my children's children.

Thank you,

Danny and Addie Vierra

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**From:** Dave Witte, personal [mailto:wittefam@pacbell.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 7:38 AM

**To:** MLPAComments

**Subject:** I support Proposal 2xa

I am writing to express my support of Proposal 2xa in the MLPA process. I have examined the other proposals and find them either not well defined enough or too restrictive.

My twelve year old son and I purchased a boat for salt water fishing and we often launch out of Pillar Point targeting king salmon, rockfish and Dungeness crab. It has provided many hours of time together enjoying a hobby that will keep him safe, well fed and away from gangs and drugs. Making our coastline largely a *no take* zone will serve no useful scientific purpose and only panders to a political one that seems to ignore science. Proposal 2xa provides sanctuaries where fish stocks can re-build while still providing recreational opportunities to our fishing community. It would be a crime for my son, and his children, to lose the opportunity of enjoying the fresh sea air while enjoying a battle with a wild fish.

Please follow the protocol set forth, use the best scientific data you too will vote for Proposal 2xa.

Blue Skies,

*Dave Witte*

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**From:** epeterx2@comcast.net [mailto:epeterx2@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 8:18 PM

**To:** MLPAComments

**Cc:** governor@governor.ca.gov; mikeshrisman@resources.ca.gov

**Subject:** I strongly urge you to accept MLPA proposal 2-XA

Dear sirs:

I am a sportfisherman out of Bodega Bay. I consider myself a conservationist and wish to do what is right for our coastal environment so that future generations can enjoy the beauty and bounty of the sea. To that end, I strongly urge you to accept proposal 2-XA for the North Coast MLPA. As I see it, proposal 2-XA does the best job of balancing the legal requirements of the MLPA with the economic realities of the coastal communities. Why strain an already fragile California economy by adopting proposal 4 or proposal 1/3 which would have a devastating impact on the commercial fishing and sportfishing industry? Proposal 2-XA offers a strong network of restricted zones, but does not destroy the heritage of the fishing communities in the process. It is the only proposal endorsed by fishing organizations across the state, and also the only proposal that does not create unsafe fishing distances for the small boater out of my home port of Bodega Bay. In short, proposal 2-XA is! fair, it is effective, and it fulfills both the letter and the spirit of the MLPA.

Please support proposal 2-XA.

Respectfully,

Eric Petereit  
Healdsburg, CA

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**From:** Frank Gee [mailto:pioneeremt@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 11:29 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Cc:** governor@governor.ca.gov; Mike Chrisman  
**Subject:** Letter in Support of Proposal 2-XA (to MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force "BRTF")

Ladies and Gentlemen,

First, I want to thank you for your service to this great State, and in particular to me, one who enjoys fishing, as you work out the details of implementing the Marine Life Protection Act. I agree with the goals that Californians had in mind when they passed this law in 1999. The most important to me are protecting the ecosystem and supporting weak fish stocks. I support MPA's where reasonable, and supported by science. I am a firm believer in conservation, maintaining healthy fish population levels, and not overfishing. I also believe that eating seafood, especially wild, sustainable seafood, is very beneficial for society as a whole, and that this should be a viable choice for all Californians. For this reason, I would like you to support Proposal 2-XA. I believe it to be the most reasonable, achieving the goals of the MLPA, meets DF&G guidelines, puts restrictions where they will help the most - and is supported by sound scientific models, has been peer reviewed by those who most understand the marine ecosystem, and yet still allows for reasonable fishing opportunities - a goal that is not mutually exclusive with the goals of the MLPA. Proposal 2-XA also has the greatest benefits for society as a whole, including those who enjoy seeing nature thrive, and the boating, fishing, seafood, restaurant and tourism industries in California. Furthermore, Proposal 2-XA has the support of a broad spectrum of Californians, including those who fish and those who do not. In fact, those who fish or who otherwise utilize seafood would really like to see supportable and sustainable fisheries become letter and law, obviously not wanting to kill the "goose that laid the golden egg".

I would be willing to hear your reasoning for the proposal that you finally select, and help spread the word to those in my circle of influence, and lobby the F&G commission for it's acceptance, if it can be shown to be better than Proposal 2-XA for the environment and for society.

Thank you!

Frank Gee

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**From:** Frank Ledesma [mailto:ledesma6670@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 8:00 PM

**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** Proposal 2-XA

Hello Stakeholders and BRTF,

I am a 42 year old recreational fisherman and I support proposal 2-XA. My best memories as a child are fishing with my father far back as I can remember. I now take my father, my 11 year old son and my 8 year old daughter out with me fishing on my boat as often as I can. I feel I owe it to my father and my children to return the favor to my father for all he has taught me about fishing, nature and the beauty of the ocean. How to respect the ocean and all that live in it. My father always taught us to only take home what you are going to eat. I am now the Captian of my ship "my kids" and I feel I owe them the opportunity to appreciate the ocean for all of its beauty. It is truly therapeutic for me to get out on the boat and go fishing. Out there you can really put life into prospective, bond with friends and family, relax and recharge for a sometimes hectic week.

With the economy going the way it is and the gas prices skyrocketing. It has become very expensive to fish anywhere nearby. With all the closures and MLPA's it really limits where I have to tow the boat. It seam I have to go further and further to fish were it is legal to fish. Proposal 2-XA will allow us to fish without going to some water I would not want to go in a big boat much less in my 23" boat. The safer for me and my loved ones to enjoy life on the ocean has my vote.

Sincerely yours Frank Ledesma

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**From:** spoonbreath-2@yahoo.com [mailto:spoonbreath-2@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 3:25 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** 2-XA Please

Dear Sirs

Please help keep our fisheries sustainable & somewhat open to those who have so fondly used them for all these years. I can only support option 2-XA. None of the others would be fair to those who enjoy the oceans for recreation, and for a living. Even 2-XA is a lot, but 1-3 isn't even finished yet. 4 are way too restrictive along with what 1-3 may become.

As a kid, my brother and I fished while camping with my parents. These always included trips to the inland and ocean waters. As brothers, we had our own small tackle boxes with our names on them, holding our hand picked lures and such. As we got older, trips on the Carquinez Straits and Delta came with my Uncle. Dad and Uncle are both gone, but those were the best of times, and are still in my mind as if they were yesterday. Those thoughts bring happy tears; the memories will never go away. Please let those who have come to love them re-live and share the fisheries with the new son's &

daughters with their families. 2-XA is the choice of Coastside Fishing Club, and I support all that they have worked for to help sustain our fisheries.

In my most humble of opinions, this 2-XA is a start, but I would hope that the science available, is the deciding factor, not any choice that is promoted by way of funding pressure. The real choices should lean towards a fix, rather than limiting available access for those who enjoy our resources.

Thanks for your time,  
Gary Carlson

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**From:** Gary1950@aol.com [mailto:Gary1950@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 7:49 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Cc:** governor@governor.ca.gov; Mike Chrisman  
**Subject:** Support Proposal 2-XA

Dear Sirs and Madams,

As a lifelong Californian and native son, I have lived and enjoyed the coast all my life. Spending my youth on and around the Monterey Bay and my adult life around the Golden Gate area I have seen many changes. While change is good and part of our evolutionary cycle, some changes are just wrong. One of the wrongs has been the relegation of this State's angling citizens to second class status when it comes to recreational use of the ocean and the sustainable harvest of our fish populations. While I strongly support conservation, I am opposed to recreational anglers being pigeon holed as unimportant.

I am all for a commercial harvest, once recreational needs are met and the resource is sustainable.

I am all for whale and bird watching and don't wish to impose any unreasonable regulations on this activity.

I am all for divers and swimmers who want to frolic in the sea.

I am all for the brother or sister who wants to sit in a tree for weeks at a time. God bless them.

And, I am all for recreational anglers having the opportunity to enjoy their chosen sport in the ocean.

None of these are mutual exclusive options. We can all simultaneously enjoy the ocean's bounty.

I ask you to please support Proposal 2-XA as the single proposal that shares the use of the ocean most broadly and complies with the spirit and intent of the MLPA.

**Gary W. Phillips**

PS. I just bought my 10 year old grand daughter her first fishing pole. Please consider her broad smile as she held her new pole up high for all to see on her birthday. Would you really take away her opportunity to fish with her papa for some salmon or rockfish...

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**From:** jvmansour@comcast.net [mailto:jvmansour@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 8:29 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** In Support of MPA Proposal 2-XA

I'm writing you in support of Proposal 2-XA as it provides for a balanced approach between reasonable opportunities for sport fishers and for conservation.

I love fishing the ocean and have been doing it for many years, it's my favorite way to connect with mother nature and enjoy its beauty.

As a conservationist, I also take my 15 years old son with me and try to teach him what I have learned over the years about the beauty of the ocean and its creatures.

Once again, I urge you to adopt Proposal 2-XA as I believe it's a win win proposal.

Regards,

Jad Mansour  
Pacifica, CA

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**From:** James H. Farmer [mailto:[jhfarmer@comcast.net](mailto:jhfarmer@comcast.net)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 7:08 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments; governor@governor.ca.gov; Mike Chrisman  
**Subject:** Blue Ribbon Task Force please support Proposal 2-XA

I am writing this email to implore you please vote for and implement Proposal 2-XA. I believe that proposal 2-XA is a hybrid that includes all interested party's concerns for the future of the health of our ecosystem here on the Pacific ocean. I encourage you not to give into the demands of the interests that demand a hands off approach to the stewardship. I have used the resources of the Pacific Ocean for over 40 years. I am a true believer of demanding a healthy ecology for the Pacific Ocean, while at the same time utilizing its resources.

Please I implore you to pass and implement Proposal 2-Xa for the MLPA process.

James Farmer

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**From:** James Hubert [mailto:jhubie@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 5:32 AM

**To:** fgc@fgc.ca.gov; MLPAComments  
**Subject:** MLPA, Proposal 2XA

**To- California State Fish & Game Commission,  
MLPA Staff,  
Whom it may concern,**

**Reference MLPA Proposal 2**

I have lived along the coastal areas of Mendocino and Sonoma Counties for the better part of my 32 years. I grew up on the coast learning from my father how to fish, pick abalone, and respect the natural resources of the ocean.

During my child and teenage years I interacted with multiple private landowners along the Mendocino and Sonoma County coastline in both a private and professional manner. I worked for the Sonoma County Regional Parks during my high school years and observed first hand the lack of available resources to properly monitor a public access. I noted how the public access differed so greatly when it came to private land owners who kept an ever watching eye over their property and the abundance of natural resources thereon.

After attending college and graduating from a law enforcement academy I returned to Mendocino County where I worked as a Resident Deputy Sheriff for over 8 years. During my tenure I witnessed the overwhelming amount of landowners who watched over their lands and protected their property rights vigorously. While on patrol I would see many landowners stationed at the access points to the ocean at Five A.M. prohibiting would-be trespassers from entering their lands for the purposes of raping the abundance of abalone found there. And when you think about it, it's easy to see the reason for the abundance of marine life found in the waters off privately owned coastline due to the stewardship of the private land owners.

I left Mendocino County in 2007 and moved to El Dorado County where I am currently a Deputy Sheriff. I continue to return to Mendocino and Sonoma coast on an occasional basis for the purposes of fishing and taking abalone. I hope to teach my son, when he's a little older, the skills and values my father taught me about the ocean and its resources.

I agree the public has a right to access the ocean and enjoy its amenities. However this has to be done with logic and common sense. Removing property rights from landowners is neither logical nor does it make sense. The true responsibility of preservation belongs to and has been demonstrated by private landowners for generations. It is unfair and absurd to penalize the private land owner by forcing the guidelines of MPA's upon them. Although well intentioned, MPA's in the waters off private lands will only create more problems then it will solve. From my profession I can adamantly state the manpower necessary to oversee and enforce the guidelines of a MPA are staggering to a point it is unattainable. The truth of the matter is California State Park Rangers and Fish & Game Officers are already stretched so thin adding additional areas to patrol would only decrease their effectiveness. When I was patrolling the Mendocino Coast I rarely ever saw a Fish & Game Officer (about once a month) because of the vast area each

officer must patrol. Additionally, I cannot recall any time when Fish & Game was able to fully staff their slotted positions on the Mendocino South Coast. Private land owners deserve the right to continue the preservation of marine life in the waters off their land which will far outweigh the benefits of a MPA. Furthermore, a private land owner is more invested in their land and waters than a MPA Agency could ever be. Plus, the financial economic strain will be non-existent if left under the control of the private land owner but exorbitant and unnecessary if enacted. If MPA's are forced upon land owners it should be as least intrusive as possible and the only proposal moderately acceptable is Proposal 2XA.

Furthermore, the economies of small coastal communities depend largely on tourism. A great deal of tourism is generated by persons visiting coastal communities to take abalone. As a landowner I oppose the infringement of any group or government who enacts or forces a person's property rights to submit to their views. In a day of age when people believe they have a right to other people's fortunes and feel un-justly treated when they are not given what someone else has achieved it is time to correct the sail.

Respectfully,  
James Hubert, Deputy Sheriff

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**From:** Jeff Richards [mailto:jeff@jwrichards.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 9:52 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** In support of Proposal 2-XA

This isn't the first time you've heard from me. I have attended many RSG, SAT and BRTF meetings. You'll recognize my intro: "I'm a member of Coastside Fishing Club and I'm here to ensure my children continue to have access to a sustainable fishery."

This letter is about that topic, my 10 year old twins and their love for fishing. Half the fun is just being out there with them and seeing the rest of the sea life. However, I'm a small boat (19 ft) fisherman and I don't get too far from port with the family. So reserves close to Pillar Point would limit our going out because if there isn't a prospect of getting dinner out of it we wouldn't go for the boat ride.

I negotiate contracts for a living and I find the best deals are one's where people don't get everything they want but they get what they can live with. That said I support Proposal 2-XA even though it enlarges Fitzgerald Reserve to the North (which I don't want) because of the trade off of keeping all waters to the South of Pillar Point free of MPAs (which I do want).

The other area I need to remain open is Duxbury Reef. As a small boat fisherman I won't take my kids out to the Farallones. If I'm going out the gate DR1 is where I'm headed.

My son a 'low self esteem' kid. On September 8, 2007 within sight of the DR1 buoy he caught a 22 lb chinook salmon and went on to win the kid's division of the Coastside

Fishing Club fishing derby. If I turned that fish in I would have won \$800 but he caught it and it was more valuable to see the high he got from being presented a rod and reel at the BBQ in front of the crowd and getting his picture on the website's home page for 6 weeks. He was 'somebody'.

One Saturday late in the season while sitting on the tailgate of my truck after a day's fishing my daughter said; 'this sure beat laying on the couch watching cartoons'. That was one of the nicest things she could have said to me.

I only got about a dozen salmon last year and in a good year I might only take 30 - 40 rockfish and a dozen abalone. I don't fill the freezer. I take what I will eat in the next couple of days. However, I spend thousands of dollars a year on fuel, service, bait, gear, etc. So others benefit from my fishing.

Proposal 2-XA is the only proposal that is based on the MLPA mandated "best readily available science". Proposal 2-XA achieves the scientific and conservation goals laid out by the MLPA and meets Department of Fish and Game feasibility guidelines.

There is no other proposal package as well articulated as 2-XA. I urge the Blue Ribbon Task Force to support this proposal and send it intact to the Fish and Game Commission.

Respectfully;

Jeff Richards  
San Carlos, CA

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**From:** JamesDeLaPena@aol.com [mailto:JamesDeLaPena@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 9:12 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Cc:** governor@governor.ca.gov; Mike.Chrisman@resourcees.ca.gov  
**Subject:** Support Proposal 2-XA

I am 59, retired grandpa and I vote and I fish. I urge you to please support this proposal 2-XA. We need this to preserve our salmon fishery and fishing as a whole for us and future generations to come.

Jim De La Pena

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**From:** John and Cyndie Morozumi [mailto:j4zumi@isp.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 8:27 AM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** 2XA Proposal

Please adopt the 2XA Proposal for the MPA in northern California. As an avid supporter of the environment, a recreational diver and angler, a parent and taxpayer, I urge you to adopt this proposal version as it will help protect our precious marine resources.

Thank you for your support of the 2XA Proposal.

Sincerely,  
John M. Morozumi, PharmD.

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From: John Sturdivant [<mailto:donzijw@earthlink.net>]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 7:51 PM  
To: MLPAComments  
Subject: Support for 2-XA

To whom it may concern...

As a longtime Fisherman I ask that you give proposal 2X-A strong consideration. As limiting as it is it still gives fisherman the opportunity to at least keep pursuing there hobby.

Thanks for your time  
John Sturdivant

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**From:** Kevin Murray [<mailto:kevlar24@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 6:01 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** mlpa proposal2 xa

hello, my name is kevin murray, i am from pt. reyes sta. and have fished marin sonoma waters for 20 yrs. i volunteered in the nineties w/ tom moore doing the halibut tagging program, and try to be as proactive w/ our local fisheries issues, i spend alot of money every season on our salmon season, and only take what me and my family can eat, last year i took my 8 yr old son out 10 miles off the head, and we caught a 20 lb. beautiful king, the look on his face and the memories i am sure he has are worth alot, so please support the mlpa proposal 2 xa, sincerely, kevin murray

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**From:** rodbender@cameradoglass.com [<mailto:rodbender@cameradoglass.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 9:56 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** MPLA Proposal 2-XA

As a sport fisherman I ask for your support.  
Please support proposal 2-XA it is the right choice for many reasons.  
It is backed with true scientific data and will work to achieve the conservation goals of the MLAP and meets the fish and game guidelines.  
2-XA has a wide range of support from many fishing user groups both commercial and recreational as well as divers and is enforceable so will get a great public support.  
2-XA works well to for the marine reserves were seven core areas create a state marine reserve which serves at the foundation of MPA cluster and works toward total ecosystem protection with emphasis on the high level of protection and also places emphasis on contributing to a network of MPLAs in the preferred size range proposal  
Proposal.2-XA and/or its individual components have the support of many of the conservation community.

To choose any of the other proposals would create dangerous conditions for the sport fisherman as well as devastating financial hardship for the fishing community .

Lawrence Varela  
Shingle Springs Ca

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**From:** Matthew Plut [mailto:sw44magnum@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 10:06 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Cc:** Arnold Schwarzenegger; Office of the Secretary  
**Subject:** Please Support Proposal 2-XA for the NCC MPA

I am a recreational fisherman and a member of Coastside Fishing Club.

I am writing to urge the members of the BRTF and the Fish and Game Commission to support **Proposal 2-XA** because it not only satisfies, but exceeds the criteria defined for marine reserves by achieving a "High" level of protection while also satisfying the size and spacing requirements. It also meets the Department of Fish and Game feasibility guidelines.

**Proposal 2-XA** has a strong backbone of marine reserves with seven core areas where a State Marine Reserve serves as the foundation of the MPA cluster while placing an emphasis on contributing to a network of MPA's in the preferred size and spacing range.

In contrast to Proposals 1/3 and 4, which extend SMR's out to the state water boundaries and severely impact commercial and recreational users alike; **Proposal 2-XA** has struck a balance which places an emphasis on total ecosystem protection while achieving the desired "High" level of protection. **Proposal 2-XA** also affords the small boater safer access at Bodega Bay and Half Moon Bay.

**Proposal 2-XA** is a strong, well balanced conservation proposal without the significant adverse socioeconomic impacts of Proposals 1/3 and 4 on commercial and/or recreational fishermen and divers.

It is for all of these reasons that there is massive support from local residents, land owners fishermen and conservationists for **Proposal 2-XA** and I strongly urge you to support **Proposal 2-XA**.

Respectfully,

Matthew S. Plut

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**From:** Mike Herrick [mailto:MHerrick@colusattractor.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 2:15 PM  
**To:** fgc@fgc.ca.gov; MLPAComments  
**Subject:** To Whom It May Concern

To Whom It May Concern,

As an avid free diver I would like to come out in support of Proposal 2XA for the Marine Sanctuary south of and adjoining Sea Ranch. Since the Sea Ranch Property Owners Assoc. and local private landowners endorse it, real people, people that understand the area, people that have actually been stewards of the land for quite some time, I have to believe they know what would be best. I have been fortunate enough to enjoy this area; the landowners are very sensitive to marine life and feel this plan is well thought out. If the powers that be decided the government needs to protect this region, 2XA seems to be the fairest plan to both private and public lands. It seems to take into consideration the ecosystem and still gives the sport diver a place to enjoy his sport.

Thank You,  
Michael Herrick

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**From:** Michael Shephard [mailto:shephard@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 5:49 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** Proposal 2-XA is the answer

As a fisherman and an environmentalist I support Proposal 2-XA.

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**From:** Mike Elfers [mailto:elf279@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 7:24 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** MLPA Proposal 2-XA

Hello,

My name is Mike Elfers and I have been fishing the Pacific Ocean with my dad and friends for 18 years and now for the first time last year with my 9 year old son Tyler. I am in support of proposal 2-XA as I believe it is the only proposal that strikes balance that achieves the scientific and conservation goals of the MLPA and does not have significant adverse socioeconomic impacts on commercial and/or recreational fishermen and divers. Proposal 2-XA and/or its individual components has the support of many in the conservation community and meets Department of Fish and Game feasibility guidelines.

Please I urge you to pass and implement Proposal 2-XA for the MLPA process.

Thank you,

Mike Elfers

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**From:** mike oleary [mailto:mmbole2003@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 7:35 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** Proposal 2-XA

To Whom it may concern:

My name is Mike O'Leary I am a proud Coastside Fishing Club member. This club has been an inspiration to me and my family. The club cares about the fishery resources and stands behind keeping them around for years to come.

I am in support of Proposal 2-XA because of how well it has been laid out. This proposal meets Fish and Game guidelines and MLPA goals.

This proposal has been endorsed by many fishing user groups . (Recreational divers,commercial,recreational fisherman and women and others in the conservation community).

This proposal has conservation in mind and is feasible and most of all is a win win situation for all.

In times like this we need to share the responsibility of balancing the damages no matter who caused them. I believe this proposal will do this. We need to not run small businesses bankrupt but at the same time address the fishery issue. 2-XA WILL ACCOMPLISH THIS.

Thanks,  
Mike O'Leary

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**From:** CaptMKP [mailto:captmkp@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 9:15 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** MPLAs

As a Commercial fisherman I urge the MLPA committee to choose option 2ax. Please keep our fisheries healthy and retain our way of life and our fishing traditions

Mike Peery

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**From:** Nathan Kawaye [mailto:nkawaye@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 6:25 PM

**To:** MLPAComments

**Cc:** governor@governor.ca.gov; Mike Chrisman

**Subject:** MLPA Support Proposal 2-XA

Hi, my name is Nate Kawaye. My family and I have lived in the Bay Area for over 50 years. Through out this time, my parents, my brothers, my children, and our extended families have enjoyed the benefits of the natural resources our great state has to offer. These precious family times in the outdoors played an instrumental role in our growing up to be responsible citizens, and subsequently been carried on in the next generation through our children. In particular, the time we spend on the San Francisco Bay and the coastal areas just north and south of the great golden gate are especially precious times. I am a staunch conservationist, and recognize the value of the MLPA process. I am also a firm believer that what we seek to preserve and enhance with the establishment of these new marine parks and reserves are to be enjoyed by current and future generations. There is a balance between pure conservation and consumptive enjoyment and recreational use.

I am in support of proposal 2-XA. This proposal meets and exceeds the MLPA scientific guidelines, scores high on minimizing the social economic impacts, takes into consideration the reality of local geographic/ocean conditions in terms of local harbor access and to insure that public safety considerations are preserved for small boaters. I consider a strength of this proposal that it was developed by conservation minded recreational and commercial fishing enthusiast who have a deep love and respect for the oceans. This proposal represents a "reaching out" by this community to embrace the **MLPA** process and thus deserves to be given great consideration. This proposal meets the MLPA scientific and conservation guidelines, preserves a rich and diverse set of habitats while balancing issues around access and local fishing opportunities. This proposal creates MLPA areas at special places like the Farallon Islands and yet retains a portion of this area with access to fisherman who cherish places like these Islands. This is an example of a balanced approach that will garner broad support because it protects our resources and preserves our traditions. Traditions that will help shape future generations.

The other proposals do not fully recognize issues like local access by each port to good fishing grounds. For example Proposal 4 cuts off access to Duxbury reef for San Francisco boaters/fisherman and does the same to Half moon Bay fisherman with the MPA just south of HMB harbor. These MPA's are not needed based on the size and spacing guidelines developed by the SAT when the MPAs in proposal 2-XA (and the MPA at Ano Nuevo) are taken into consideration. Also the treatment of the Farallons is another example of balance vs near total elimination of consumptive access in a balanced manner.

My boat's name is "Eagles Wings" and is take from the book of Isaiah chapter 40...."For those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." For my family being

on the ocean is a recognition of God's creation, the respect for the power of what He has created and our ability to be able to commune with God's creations enables us to be renewed in strength and spirit. Whether or not you believe in God, I do know that if you have been on the ocean in a small boat, maybe doing some fishing or watching whales your spirit is stronger for the experience.

Please, with your support, we can continue to enable many people to experience this wonderful resource in a respectful and responsible way and simultaneously enhance habitat protection to insure the ocean and its creatures will be there for our common future.

Thank you for your consideration,

Nate Kawaye and Family

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**From:** Pierre [<mailto:pierre.g@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 7:11 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** In Support of Proposition 2-XA

Hello,

I would like to express my complete support for Proposal 2-XA in the MPLA implementation process. In my opinion, it clearly achieves the scientific and conservation goals of the MPLA that I voted for. While i truly believe that conservation is in the best interest of the state of California, I also believe that the process not unfairly restrict access to state resources to it's citizens. Proposition 2-XA is the best proposal to meet this goal.

Please act responsibly and adopt 2-XA.

Thank You,

Pierre Granier  
San Francisco, CA

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**From:** Randy Stockman [<mailto:175scout@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 8:55 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** MLPA panel adopt option 2AX.

To whom it may concern.

I support Proposal 2-AX because it allows for areas to be reached by those that have small boats. I fish in the bay and ocean when weather

permits and would like to continue fishing their, I urge that the MLPA panel adopt option 2AX.

Sincerely,

Randy Stockman  
Livermore, CA

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**From:** Rick Ross [mailto:rickross@astound.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 10:31 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** Proposal 2-AX

Before I pack it all in and head out of state to persue my ONLY recreational passion which is saltwater fishing with my family and friends I urge you to support proposal 2-AX. How much sence doe's it make to have to travel further in more congested area's to fish. Safety is a major concern when on the water and I can just imagine the lawsuits arising from being forced to go greater distances to fish. Again, please support proposal 2-AX  
Rick Ross  
Coastside Fishing Club

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**From:** Elizabeth Ross [mailto:rfam@astound.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 9:54 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** MLPA

Please put my vote to 2XA  
Rick Ross  
Saltwater Fisherman

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**From:** Rod Ferronato [mailto:Rod@srss.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 12:09 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** Endorsement of Proposal 2XA

*Marine Life Protection Act  
March 25, 2008*

*To whom it may concern*

*Please accept my letter in endorsing Proposal 2XA.*

*I have been diving the Sonoma/ Mendocino coast for 45 years. Diving has brought many memories and fun times for my family, friends and myself.*

*I am in support of leaving the family beaches and their waters to the control of the families. State Marine Reserves are fine for State property but not private property.*

*Proposal 2XA meets all of the requirements of the MLPA guidelines and is sensitive to the environment. It is a well thought out proposal put together by the real people.*

*The proposal is endorsed by the "Sea Ranch Association" and offers access to the Black Point and Pebble Beach for observing & photographing the marine life in its natural and undisturbed state.*

*I believe this proposal to be fair and just to both public and private lands.*

*Thank you for your time.*

*Rod Ferronato*

*A Registered voter and avid fisherman.*

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**From:** Manuela [mailto:manuela@calprinting.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 8:34 PM

**To:** MLPAComments

**Subject:** Salmon Fishing

I am an offshore fisherman, like any other sport you like to go to the next level and I have done that, educating myself buying the best boat for what I like to do, Salmon fishing. Without salmon fishing you will kill my sport and will hurt me considerably.

I think the Proposal 2-XA is the best alternative, please vote for 2-XA.

Best Regards

Shawn Malakiman

President and CEO

EZturner.com

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**From:** devotogrow@aol.com [mailto:devotogrow@aol.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 4:58 PM

**To:** MLPAComments

**Subject:** proposal 2XA

We want to express our support for the 2XA proposal for our northern California Marine Protected Area. We feel it best preserves the area while still allowing for sport fishing and diving.

Please give this plan your attention.

Thank you.

Stan & Susan Devoto

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From: Stephen Dampier [<mailto:steveoh@fishyfish.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 10:30 AM

To: MLPAComments

Subject: MLPA: A Disaster for Me, My Children and My Mental Health

In June of 2001 I started building a 22 foot Tolman Skiff for fishing in the Pacific Ocean off the Coast of San Francisco. It has been a dream of mine for almost as long as I can remember.

It took me 3 1/2 years to complete this boat and during that time my wife and I became parents of a lovely baby girl, and I was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma which I underwent chemo and radiation therapy for. During treatment for the NHL I had two things on my mind that kept me going. And that was my family, and finishing my skiff so I could head out the Golden Gate with my little girl and fish for Salmon, Rock Fish, Lingcod, Sand Dabs and Dungeness Crabs. I dearly love drifting over a rocky bottom and jigging for Rock Fish and Ling Cod. The icing on the cake is to teach my little girl (and now a 1 1/2 year old son) about fishing, the ocean, respect for nature and conservation.

The ocean is an amazing place to me. I feel exhilarated when I make my way out the Gate on the boat I build with my own two hands. My sinuses clear up, my brain clears and I feel at ease. Fishing relaxes me and makes my hectic world slow down.

My family loves the fresh ocean caught Rockfish, Ling Cod, San Dabs and Salmon. If the Farallons are closed, and most of the areas outside the Gate, then that leaves very little accessible ocean for my kids and I to fish in. That just seems wrong to me.

I love to go out to the Farallons, for the fishing is good out there and it is so wild. But the chances to head out to the Farallons are few and far between because of an already short fishing season, and fog and wind and ocean swell. My boat is 22 feet long and I have to be extremely careful in picking the days I go out there. As a result of the prevailing conditions in our offshore waters, I made it out to the Farallons four times last season. On those trips I caught a total of 40 rockfish and 3 ling cod. All of the rockfish I caught and kept were mid water Blue, Black or Olive Rockfish, with the exception of one nice Vermillion that was hooked too deep to release. I had zero mortality of golden eye or any other endangered fish, mostly because I did not target those slow to grow and old to get fish. I purposely avoid catching slow to grow and mature species by fishing with a giant rubber jig to get to the bottom and look for Ling Cod. I also catch Sand Dabs on the sandy bottom just before the Farallons.

I usually try to minimize the time out at the Farallons because very often the afternoon fog rolls in, and the winds pickup. Safety is my number one concern while on the ocean.

But I really don't understand why the (all or most of the) Farallons are to be declared a Marine Protection Area. By definition they are a sanctuary just because of the distance and prevailing ocean conditions. Plus consider that Rock Fish season is short and closed for over half the year.

Salmon season is sure to be closed with the poor numbers of returning fish. I don't disagree that this is prudent thing to do.

I'd fish in the bay, but the fish aren't recommended for table fare for the young children I have and in limited consumption for myself and my wife. That leaves Sand Dabs and not much else to go fishing for in my home built skiff.

Seems to me that commercial fishing using techniques that are indiscriminate in what they catch using giant nets is the major culprit in declining fish numbers. Since the Commercial fishermen catch way more fish than recreational fishermen then shouldn't you folks focus on this? By catch should not be tolerated. Also, commercial fishermen should not be targeting slow to grow and mature fish like CowCod, Vermillion, Canary, etc.

I'm a member of Coastside Fishing Club and support the Proposal 2-XA even though I think that even this proposal is too tight for recreational fishermen.

Sincerely,

Stephen Dampier

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From: J. Hendricks [<mailto:jjhend@astound.net>]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 7:36 PM  
To: MLPAComments  
Subject: Support Proposal 2-XA

Dear BRTF,

My family and I support proposal 2-XA. Fishing brings families and communities closer together. Do the right thing follow the science not the politics vote for proposal 2-XA.

The Hendricks Family  
Concord, Ca

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**From:** Jacob Lore [mailto:raiderlore@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 12:43 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** Please support option 2XA and California's fishing families.

Hello my name is Jacob B. Lore and I am an avid outdoorsman in his state. I am writing to ask you to support option 2XA as I feel this is the only option in the MLPA process that considers safe ocean access to some of the most treasured areas to sportsmen and women on the coast. I have grown up with great respect for our natural resources which was something I learned from my father and grandfather. The true conservationists in this state are the ones who utilize and respect the resources they are using. The whole MLPA process has been, in my humble opinion, a slap in the face to all the law abiding sportsman and women of the state.

I spend hundreds if not thousands of dollars every year for the chance to share experiences in the outdoors with my father and hopefully my infant twins in the future, but now some people with larger pockets are now "buying" the legislative process and implementing closures of our ocean resources based on iffy science projections. Please take the interests of the true conservationists into account and support option 2XA during the next MLPA implementation meeting. Thank you, Jacob, Lisa, Kendall and Austin Lore

The Lore Family

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**From:** Tom Trayer [mailto:TTrayer@trayer.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 6:18 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Cc:** governor@governor.ca.gov; Mike Chrisman  
**Subject:** MLPA

Greetings,

My name is Thomas P. Trayer and I am a resident of Pacifica, California.

I live in Pacifica because of my love for the ocean and fishing. I am a diver, a kayaker and a fisherman. So are my two adult children and my wife, as well as many of my friends. I am also a member of the Coastside Fishing Club and have been for many years. Having been born here in the bay area I have enjoyed coastal fishing all my life and have spent more money pursuing this sport than I care to think about. I now own my 3<sup>rd</sup> offshore boat, this one a custom Davis, at a cost of \$200,000.00 this boat was built in Paso Robles, California. The fiscal impact of taking myself and so many other sport fishermen off the water is beyond comprehension yet this seems to be the goal of the current MLPA process. I have been watching this process from the beginning and have seen the result of the special interest money on predetermining the outcome of this process, private money has no place in determining state policy. After reviewing all of the proposals being sent to the BRTF for consideration I ask that you give your support to 2XA. This proposal strikes the best balance between the parties of interest and conservation of our resources. Protecting our fisheries while keeping the fishermen on the water is in the best interest of all of California and proposal 2XA has the best chance of doing just that.

Thank you and best regards,

*Thomas P. Trayer Sr.*

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**From:** Tim [mailto:reelsteel@humboldt1.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 4:38 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** North central region proposals

I would like to express my enthusiasm for proposal 2-XA. It is the only proposal that my family could support. It leaves some areas for fishing while providing excellent protection of the ocean resources. Please remember that your decision affects PEOPLE as well as the environment.  
Thank You,  
Tim and Sherry Klassen

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**From:** Tom Brodsky [mailto:tomb@ncbb.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 8:49 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** Proposal 2-XA

I am in full **support** of Proposal **2-XA**. Proposal 2-XA is a fair and will be acceptable to the sportspeople in this great state of California.

Thank you  
Tom Brodsky

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**From:** Barry Schutz [mailto:[barry0814@alamedanet.net](mailto:barry0814@alamedanet.net)]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2008 8:18 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** we need MPLA Proposal 2

Please try to understand that there are many environmentally committed fishermen and divers who are looking for a compromise between no use of the ocean and overfishing and polluting the ocean. When I fish I throw everything back anyway but I would hate to see the balance between enjoying the ocean and abandoning the ocean pushed all the way to the latter.

Barry M. Schutz, Ph.D.  
Alameda, CA

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**From:** AprilLance@aol.com [mailto:AprilLance@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2008 3:30 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** urgent attention regarding Marine Life Protection Act

To: [MLPAComments@resources.ca.gov](mailto:MLPAComments@resources.ca.gov)  
From April Lance  
Email: [AprilLance@aol.com](mailto:AprilLance@aol.com)  
Date: 3-24-08

Re: Marine Life Protection Act

I am writing in support of 2XA and urging you to endorse 2XA.

Respectfully submitted,

April Lance

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**From:** GONARVCO@aol.com [mailto:GONARVCO@aol.com]

**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2008 4:45 PM

**To:** MLPAComments

**Subject:** Fwd: Salmon - The Bottom Line

Didn't see this letter posted. Suspect that you cannot take the criticism. I support plan 2.

Best regards,

Art Narverud

To whom it may concern:

Before you can fix a problem, you need to know the cause of the problem. Right now, NO ONE knows what has happened to the salmon. Fisherman blame water diversion, environmentalist blame fisherman, scientists say it's global warming and politicians say whatever their constituents want.

What can be said with a great deal of certainty is those who are doing the research and performing the studies have been wrong on numerous occasions. Where was the record run they predicted last year for the Central Valley? Why was there a record run on the Klamath yet they had predicted a dismal one? How can effective policy be developed when decisions are based upon unreliable information. Good decisions come from sound research, bad ones from faulty investigation. This is why we are fighting a war in Iraq.

It is time for a change in the way agencies manage our fisheries. Scientist who continue to make erroneous forecasts need to be relieved of their positions. This is not the weather and they are not meteorologists. How many times do you have to be wrong?

Fishermen knew something was wrong last spring. No salmon in Monterey. Fishermen knew something was very wrong in the summer. No fish in Half Moon Bay. Fishermen knew something was terribly wrong in the fall. No fish in Bodega, off the Marin County Coast, California City and 1st Street in Benicia. These scientists didn't know something was wrong until they counted the fish at the hatcheries.

What we are talking about is people's livelihoods. Commercial fisherman, processors, brokers, restaurateurs, retailers and entire communities are in jeopardy. Decisions affecting these people must be made using sound and reliable information.

To solve a problem, you must troubleshoot it. You diagnosis the problem using the process of elimination. Doctors do it, mechanics do it, researchers do it, and so should these scientists. What has changed? Is it warming and the changing of currents? Is it new or and overabundance of predators such as squid, sea lions or whales? Is it over-fishing? Is it low water flows in the Delta? Is it pollution? Or is it just an aberration? Granted, the academics didn't cause the problem but if they don't know, don't guess. Too much is at stake.

Best regards,

Art Narverud

Narvco Enterprises, Inc.

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**From:** Bill & Roiann Hatcher [mailto:hatcher@mcn.org]

**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2008 3:36 PM

**To:** MLPAComments

**Subject:** Endorsing Proposal 2XA

To whom it may concern:

I am a full time resident of The Sea Ranch and have owned property here for 19 years.

I urge you to adopt Proposal 2XA as the MPA for this area. This is the best option as it creates the least negative impact while leaving the most coastline for open use.

Bill Hatcher

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**From:** HarryClar@aol.com [mailto:HarryClar@aol.com]

**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2008 4:38 PM

**To:** MLPAComments

**Subject:** (no subject)

I am in support of 2 XA. I think it has the most balance.

Don Marshall

Tax Payer

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**From:** douglas laughlin [<mailto:duglas1@juno.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2008 10:09 PM

**To:** MLPAComments

**Subject:** mlpa decision

Please consider the 2-XA alternative for California's Marine Protected Area plan. Those of us who live by, recreate on and in, and fish from the ocean, know the importance of conserving this environmentally sensitive resource. We are the keepers of our own playground. Give us this alternative to fishing, this small glimmer of hope, to hang our collective energies on, and we will work harder than any group to serve the fisheries of the California coast.

Douglas Laughlin

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**From:** Erik Kjaer [mailto:bodegaerik@sbcglobal.net]

**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2008 4:35 PM

**To:** MLPAComments

**Subject:** MLPA

Dear BRTF and California F&G Commission,

My name is Erik Kjaer. I am a 33 year old carpenter living in Sonoma County. I've been fishing our coastal waters for nearly 28 years now. My father started me out at the young age of five, fishing the saltwater in a 15 foot wood skiff with a 9.9 horsepower Mercury engine. We launched our boat at the "Boathouse." The "Boathouse" was a series of small wooden docks at the south end of Linda Mar Beach, right along Pedro Point. The limits for our small boat were basically Egg Rock to the south and the Pacifica Pier to the north. I knew all the small local reefs like the back of my hand. I grew up in Daly City, California. As a kid growing up, I witnessed lots of other kids heading down the wrong path. Crime, gangs, drugs, or fishing, I was and still am very lucky that my father got me hooked on fishing. The day before my 12<sup>th</sup> birthday, we lost my mother to cancer. This would have been the perfect time for me to say "screw life", but my love for fishing helped me get through these tough times. At the age of 15 we moved to Sebastopol, California. Here I was introduced to some new waters, Bodega Bay. Though there were lots of boats that would head out fishing from Bodega Bay, we never ventured too far in our little boat. Right around the time that I turned 18, we traded in our little boat for a 21 foot fiberglass cuddy cabin boat. This is the same boat that I fish today.

Right out of high school I met my soul mate, Hilary. Lucky for me her father was a fisherman as well. Hilary knew what she was getting into with me and my love of fishing, as her father would fish three to four times a month. Nine years later, after I was convinced that Hilary would not change my hobby too much, I asked her to marry me. Six short years later, we now have two beautiful girls, ages 18 months and the other just about to turn four. The 18 month old is still a little young, but Ahnicka, the four year old is on her way to following in my footsteps. Ahnicka's first ocean voyage came at the age of 15 months, a cruise ship from San Francisco to Alaska. After that she never really forgot about the ocean. The following summer, whenever I would leave early on the weekend to go out fishing, Ahnicka would be awake to see me on my way. She would always remind me that soon she was going to be able to go with me. I knew that a 2 ½ year old would have a tough time pulling on a salmon or rockfish. As the summer wore on Ahnicka kept on nagging saying she was ready. So one flat afternoon we strapped her life jacket on and I took her for a short ride outside of Bodega Bay. Ahnicka handled being on the ocean on a 21 foot boat so well that I made her a deal. Learn to count to ten, start playing with stinky bait, and I'll let you start your hopefully life long hobby once crab season comes around. Well, within a week or so she had the counting to ten thing down. I'd throw 15 dominos on the table and tell her to pull ten to the side. Ahnicka proved that she could do it and I had to keep my end of the deal.

So November of 2006 roles around and crab season starts with one of the roughest oceans we've seen on the opener for a few years. Thanks to the internet, I was able to tell Ahnicka the night before that the ocean was too rough, but hopefully it would be nice enough for her the next trip. The next trip comes around and we couldn't have asked for a nicer day. Five o'clock wake up time, dress in layers, and be at the boat ramp at 7:00 to launch. If you would have seen this 2 ½ year old from 5:00 AM on, you would have thought she was in a candy store. This was one of the best feelings a dad can have, knowing that his child loved doing what he had started doing at a young age also. Ahnicka made several more trips that crab season and it was clear that she deserved a

shot at a salmon or rockfish. Well, 2007 wasn't so nice to me. I would not be able to give Ahnicka that shot. Our salmon season was less than average, and my 15 year old boat was getting tired. For the first time in 15 years, my boat would not make it out for a single salmon or rockfish trip. Ahnicka and I were both bummed. I was fortunate enough to be able to fish on friends boats a few times in 2007, but I wasn't ready to ask a fishing buddy if I could bring along my three year old. November of 2007 rolls around, crab season opens, my boat is fixed, and Ahnicka is ready to go. She was able to make a few trips out for crab and loved every one of them.

Now we get to the year 2008, the MLPA is taking place locally, the Central Valley salmon counts are way down, and Ahnicka is more excited than ever to be able to fish this year. "Daddy, when are we going salmon fishing?" she asks while we are eating dinner. I sat there for a minute with a blank look on my face knowing what was happening with our salmon season. Not wanting to break her heart right there by telling her no salmon fishing this year, I had to just tell her we had to wait for the season to open. We were eating rockfish for dinner that night so I turned the subject of salmon into rockfish. Ahnicka, soon to be 4 years old, can eat just as much rockfish as I can in one sitting. I explained that we would have to wait a few months for rockfish season to open, and just from her excitement that night I know that rockfishing will be her new "candy store".

This whole letter is not supposed to be about my life story or my daughter. It is supposed to be about a persons love of fishing. It is supposed to be about the quality time spent between parent and child. It is supposed to be about steering kids in the right direction, keeping them off the streets. Sadly, I'm writing this letter today because slowly, my love for fishing, the quality time spent between my daughter and I while fishing, it's all slowly being taken away from us.

We as fishermen don't like the MLPA, but we have to live with it. This long boring letter that I wrote is to urge you to choose MLPA Proposal 2-XA. This proposal more than exceeds the MLPA guidelines. Proposal 2-XA is the only proposal acceptable to me, and I'm sure Ahnicka would agree. Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,

Erik Kjaer

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**From:** Jack Brandt [mailto:jack@brandtinsurance.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2008 4:14 PM  
**To:** fgc@fgc.ca.gov; MLPAComments  
**Subject:** Proposal 2XA

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this note to support Proposal 2XA of the MLPA process. Endorsed by the Sea Ranch Association, this seems to be well thought out and sensitive to environmental concerns. As a member of the Russian River Property Owners Association, we value individual property owners rights. This proposal is fair to both public and private lands, as opposed to the closing of some private land to fishing, diving, and tidepooling. It would be an unnecessary closure because the marine wildlife there is a living museum which has been well-preserved and utilized wisely thanks to the stewardship of the current owners. If areas must be closed, it would

be far better to close other areas that have been over-used and over-harvested by virtue of public access over the years.

Thank you,  
John F. Brandt  
Healdsburg, California

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**From:** John Lopez (hm ofc) [mailto:mecoak@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2008 6:40 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** MLPA Proposal 2 XA

I urge the committee to chose option MPLA Proposal 2 XA

I am a grandson of a legal immigrant. My dad and uncles plucked abalone, dove for halibut and fish piers in Southern California since the 1940's. My dad brought me up fishing lakes in California and started ocean fishing for salmon when I was in the 6th grade from the San Francisco -bay area fleet. This was in the 1960's. Fast forward to my college years fishing at Santa Barbara ocean areas and then moving back to the bay area and fishing San Francisco Bay, Tomales Bay and Bodega Bay and the surrounding ocean areas. I have caught Salmon, Stripped Bass, Rockfish, Halibut, Albacore,...

Over the years more and more areas have been legislated offlimits/closed to fishing. Certain areas of bays, Cordell Banks, certain depth limits on Rockfish, Slot limits on sizes..etc. As a sport fisherman it is difficult to keep all the regulations straight and abide by them. But if your decision to further limit or permanently shut areas that were in the past fished, perhaps most fishermen will do as some of the extreme environmentalist, and PETA groups want us to do and that is to stay off the public waters and eat farmed raised fish or to only eat nuts and grains.

I urge you as a father of 3 fisher-daughters to choose MLPA 2XA option as it is the only option that appears to allow some useable fishing areas.

Regards,

John Lopez  
Born in the USA  
Life long fisherman  
private boater  
Tax payer  
Voter

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From: Kevin McCullough [mailto:McCullough@smlaw.com]  
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 3:56 PM  
To: MLPAComments  
Cc: fgc@fgc.ca.gov  
Subject: MLPA Proposal 2XA

Please see the attached letter concerning the Marine Life Protection Act and an upcoming decision to designate a new Marine Preserve along the Sonoma Coast. Thank you for your consideration.  
Kevin

Kevin J. McCullough, Esq.  
Spaulding McCullough & Tansil LLP

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**From:** Candy & Larry Cadd [mailto:cadd@vbbn.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2008 5:05 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:**

Melissa, please post the attached message in support of Proposal 2 XA. I find this extremely frustrating. I am a farmer her in Sonoma county and the state is after us on all fronts. The MLPA attacks my sport, The Air Resources board wants me to replace my diesel pump engines, The Air Resources board wants me to replace my diesel truck, The State Water Resources Board is enacting a workplan for TMDL on the Russian River that will impact my business, The State Water Rights board is enacting rules that could cause me to lose irrigation water from a dam build in 1940. And in my letter I make reference to being "cynical" for good cause.

Larry

MLPA Comment

3/24/08

### **In Support of MLPA Proposal 2 XA**

My father taught me proper use and treatment of game at a young age. There was to be no waste, no excess killing or catching. The message in the lesson was that if you were conservative and did not waste there would be game or fish available the next time out. And so it has been for most of my life, an attempt on my own to maintain the sport in good condition, no excesses, no filling the freezer.

Today's lesson is much different. After years of self imposed limits on my catch I find the oceans (about to be) closed, and not due to my (or anyone else's) excessive use of the resource. The abalone population on the north coast is in good condition in spite of very heavy pressure. Rockfish are rebounding after successful season modifications. Salmon have collapsed, but not due to overfishing. Yet for all my years of self imposed conservation, it seems to have been a wasted effort. The lesson now, is that money, power, control, and politics somehow have come to rule the sportsman's world. A well intentioned initiative (MLPA) placed before the voters has run amok. Staff creating the rules have allowed outside money to at least influence the outcome. The public is not being served by this method of closures, and the public did not expect this outcome at the voting booth. But such as it is in California politics. The state and private money spent on this MPA process could have been turned into research efforts that could have helped the resource, the DFG, public, and fishermen, instead we chose to begin the end of sport fishing in California. If all of the fishermen are concentrated into a smaller area, won't the pressure on those areas result in cries for more closures because of falling fish counts? Give it another 10 years.

What lesson am I to instill in my grandchildren at this point, conservation and respect for the environment, or the cynical view that "no good deed goes unpunished"?

I am writing in **support of the MLPA Proposal 2 XA**. It is the most reasonable of the listed alternatives, balancing safety, meeting the guidelines, and keeping the impact to a minimum within the guidelines. I don't believe the voters expected the most

restrictive limits possible to be placed on fishermen, just a reasonable attempt to protect the marine environment.

Larry Cadd

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**From:** Mike Burger [mailto:burger@bakersfieldappraisers.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2008 3:13 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments; fgc@fgc.ca.gov  
**Subject:** MLPA

March 24, 2008

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in favor **Proposal 2XA** of the MLPA North Coast Plan. As a lifetime resident of California, and ½ of my life living near the Coast, I look forward to your final decision.

Sincerely,

Michael C. Burger, MAI, R/W-AC  
Michael Burger & Associates

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**From:** michael starr [mailto:starr-michael@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2008 2:34 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** Support for 2-XA !!

*Dear Fish and Game Commission and Members of the Blue Ribbon Task Force,*

*I have been discussing the different MLPA proposals with a number of friends and fellow fishermen, and while proposal 2-XA is still restrictive we feel that it is the only way to allow balance. The restricted areas are stacked north of both access ports for the small Bay Area boater making a longer (fuel waste) more dangerous journey for the hook & line angler. I am forwarding you 12 hand written letters as well please consider them as well because a variety of ages were represented.*

*Thanks,*

*Mike Starr*

*Livermore, Ca.*

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**From:** Harper, Mitch (Mitch) [mailto:Mitch@chevron.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 7:55 PM

**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** Support of 2-XA

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong support of option 2-XA. I feel it is the best choice all around, for the safety of the small boat fisherman, while also accomplishing the goals of the MLPA process.

I have lived in California my entire 48 years. Since I was a child and my Father introduced me to fishing, it has been a passion of mine, some have even called it an obsession. I have owned 9 or 10 boats, and a great deal of my disposable income is spent on fishing, and boating. My primary past time is fishing, and being on the water. I only take what I can eat from the ocean, and think of myself as a conservationist. I am as concerned about our valuable resources as much or more than anyone else. I know changes have to be made, but I also realize there has to be a compromise, on everyone's part.

I strongly suggest adoption of 2-XA, as it is the best option, satisfying all of the goals and interest to all involved. It is the only fair option.

Thanks for your time,  
Mitchell Harper  
Martinez, CA

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**From:** Tom LeDuc [mailto:Tom@LeducandDexterPlumbing.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2008 2:26 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments; fgc@fgc.ca.gov  
**Subject:** Proposal 2XA

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support of Proposal 2XA of the MLPA process. It would be very inappropriate to close the Richardson property to fishing, diving, and tidepooling. The Richardson family for two generations has watched over the use of this historic land. They have preserved the marine wildlife and wisely utilized the coastline. I have known the family for many years and have respected them for their conservation efforts.

Proposal 2XA meets the necessary requirements as outlined in the policies of the MPLA. Proposal 2XA removes the least amount of seashore from public use. It is a great proposal, and very well prepared by people who are extremely knowledgeable and intimate with the local ecosystems.

*Tom LeDuc,  
President*

*LeDuc & Dexter Inc.*

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**From:** tony\_freitas@comcast.net [mailto:tony\_freitas@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 8:13 PM

**To:** MLPAComments

**Subject:** Supporting proposal 2-xa

I strongly support proposal 2-xa as the safest best bet for all partys involved! As a local Coastside fisherman i see it as the most sceintific and conservation friendly proposal!

Thank you

Tony Freitas and the Freitas family!

March 25 2008

Hi,

We were going to send these spreads but heard that you prefer email... so in the future we will try to go that route. I thought 10 emails from one account might look like a mill. I hope you will consider the effort and accept these handwritten letters for the last time. Emails in the future...

Sincerely Michael Starn

Lifetime Lic. Holder # F000668

~~Michael Starn~~

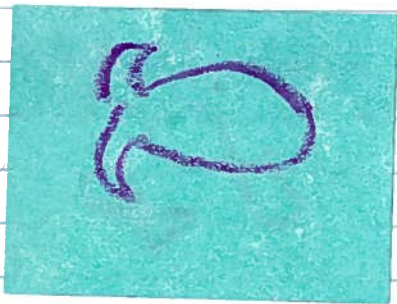
Thank you for all your hard work!!



The enclosed 1st edition Art is for you to enjoy.

The picture is to show we are real people. 3 lifetime lic. holders: Larva Leach

Rigm Leach  
& ME



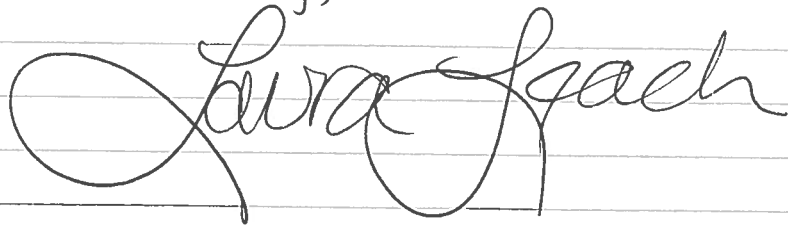
3/22/08

Dear Members Blue Ribbon Task Force and  
Fish and Game Commissioner,

I am concerned about the MPA and want  
to make sure we can still enjoy the ocean in the  
future. I am 15 years old and fish with my  
Uncle Mike whenever I can.

I have seen the maps of the different  
proposals. Proposal 2-XA is the only proposal  
that will let us continue to enjoy the ocean.  
Please pass proposal 2-XA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Leach". The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first and last names being more prominent than the middle name.

Laura Leach  
Alamo, CA

March 22, 2008

Dear Members Blue Ribbon Task Force  
and Fish and Game Commission,

I am very worried about the MLPA  
and want to make sure we can still  
enjoy the ocean in the future.

I am 42 years old and fish with  
my brother Michael whenever I can.

I have seen the maps of the different  
~~plans~~ proposals. Proposal 2XA is  
the only proposal that will let us  
continue to enjoy the ocean.

PLEASE pass Proposal 2-XA.

Maria M. Ontai

Gentlemen

I write to ask you to pass  
proposal 2-XA.

It is the only proposal that  
allows the honest hard-working  
person to enjoy the simple  
pleasure of catching and eating  
what is in the sea.

Other proposals will eliminate the  
chance for my children to do this  
task, as their fathers have done  
for generations before.

Your consideration and approval of 2-XA  
is appreciated.

Sharon Lee  
Livermore, CA

March 22, 2008

Dear Members of the Blue Ribbon  
Task Force and Game & Fish  
Commission

I am writing to ask that you  
support & pass proposal 2-XA.  
This proposal is the best option  
we have that strikes a balance  
between those of us who enjoy  
fishing & underwater habitats.  
I have seen the map of the  
different proposals, and 2XA  
is the only proposal that will  
not put an undue burden  
on travel time & fuel costs  
in order to enjoy family fishing  
trips.

Please pass proposal 2-XA

Sincerely

Timothy Leachman  
Timothy Leachman  
Alamo, CA

Saturday March 22, 08

Dear Blue Ribbons Task Force and Fish and Game Commissionary members,

I am writing in regards to the MLPA and want to express my concerns. I would like to think that in the future, I will still be able to actively enjoy the ocean.

After seeing the maps, I feel that Proposal 2-XA is the only proposal that will enable me the opportunity to continue to enjoy the ocean.

Please pass proposal 2-XA.

Thank You,  
Ingrid Miller

Ingrid Miller  
Livermore, CA

March 23, 2008

Dear Members Blue Ribbon Task Force  
and Fish and Game Commission,

I would like to express my concerns  
to you about MLPA and the restric-  
tions that could be put into place.  
I have seen maps of the different  
proposals and strongly encourage  
you to pass proposal 02-XA. It seems  
to be the best proposal to allow for the  
kind of fishing enjoyment we've had here  
on the California coast for years.

Please pass proposal 2-XA.

Sincerely,

Lynnette Hidalgo (47 years old)  
Reno, NV

3-21-08

Dear Members of the Blue Ribbon  
Task Force and the Fish and Game  
Commission, Marine Life Protection Act

I am concerned about the Marine Life Protection Act  
and I would like to make sure I can still  
enjoy the ocean in the future.

I am 45 and enjoy watching my  
children fish with me.

Proposal 2-XA is the only proposal  
that will allow us to continue to  
enjoy the ocean.

I wholeheartedly support Proposal 2-XA,  
I would like you to do the same.

Please pass 2-XA.

Sincerely -

Teresa Mattos Leach

Teresa Mattos Leach

Alamo, CA.

March 24, 2008

Dear Members Blue Ribbon Task Force and  
Fish and Game Commission,

Thank you for taking the time to consider  
my opinion. I own two boats and fishing is  
pretty much my favorite thing to do with  
~~family and friends~~ friends. Some of us got together  
and discussed the pending vote on proposals  
for the MLPA. We all agree 2-XA  
is the only choice. We (about 13 of us) all  
feel that while 2-XA is somewhat  
restrictive it at least strikes a balance  
and does not totally eliminate the small boat  
hook & line fishermen. Please vote forward  
2-XA my nieces 3-15 are relying on  
it.

Michael Steer  
Livermore, Ca,

YES = 2-XA

Dear Sir

I am 83 and still able to enjoy the relaxing time I have fishing!

With all the possibilities you have before you I hope you consider and approve 2-XA so I may continue to do what I have enjoyed since I was old enough to walk.

Don't take fishing from me. Don't take it from my great grandchildren who I hope will come to enjoy as much as me.

Pass 2-XA!

Robert Henson  
San City, CA

March 22, 2008

Dear Blue Ribbon Task Force  
and Fish and Game Commission,

I don't want you to close the  
ocean, and if you don't pass  
2-XA that's what may happen.  
My Uncle Michael tells me that  
it won't be safe, because  
we will have to travel much  
further to get to the fishing  
grounds. I really love fishing,  
so please pass 2-XA.

Sincerely,  
Regan Leach

Regan Leach  
Alamo, CA  
Age = 11